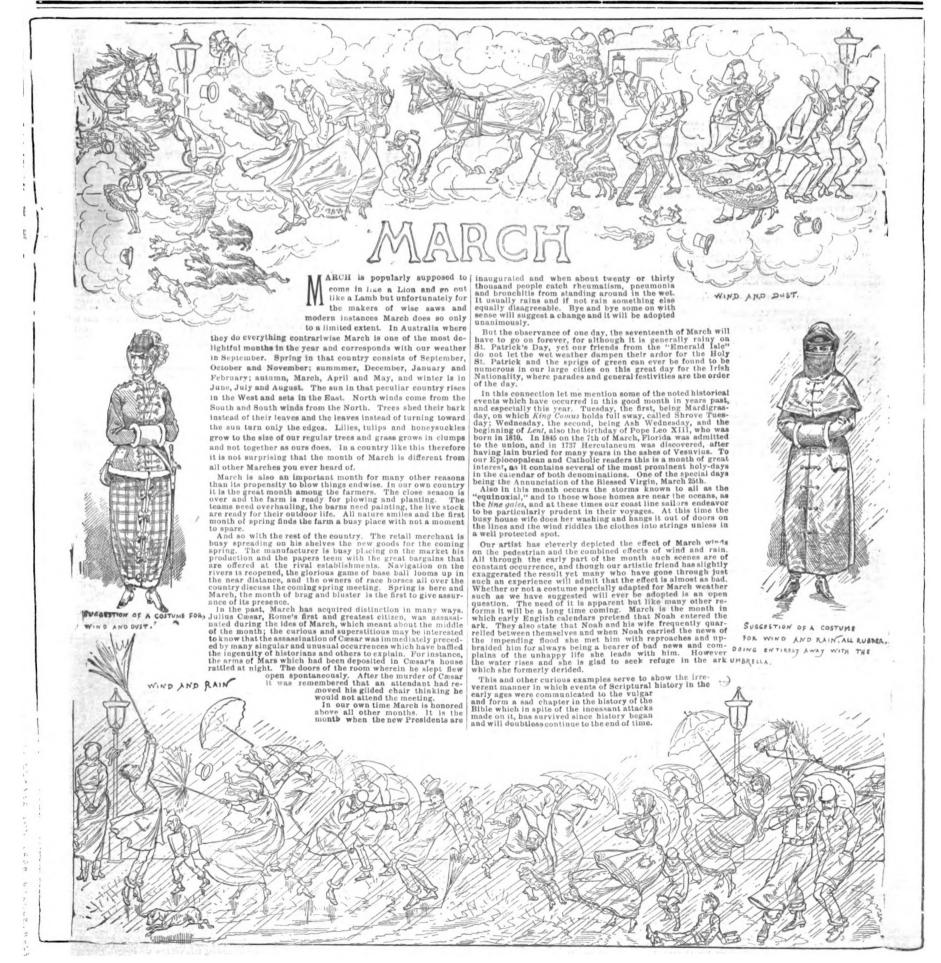


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# ♠ Change for the Worse

### LET WELL ALONE.

CHAPTER I.

"Nice time o' night to come home Daniel Farlow!" said Susan, as her spouse crept up the stairs leading to their bedroom, and began to take off his coat. "Nigh on to eleven o'clock, and poor me shivering here alone these two hours!"
"I couldn't get home sooner Susan," began Daniel." There was a meetin' up to Joe Millers' bout the surprise party to be given the minister at Easter, and—""Now that'll do Dan'l, I've had quite enough of your meetin's lately, and I just wish you'd give me a surprise party by coming home earlier nights. Here am I tolling and striving from dawn to dark to keep the house and the children clean, and you are off every night when you come from the store, and I see no more of you after supper till nearly midnight! I'm about sick of it, there!"

Susan gave her nightcap a vigorous tug as she turned her face to the wall, and Daniel hoped she had gone to sleep.

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He was a mild mannered man, and a very hard
worker, who had raised himself up from errand boy
to book-keeper in the large clothing store in the village. He had married young, and his family consisted of a boy and girl aged five and three respec-



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tively. Daniel was by no means a spendthrift, as anybody could see by a glance at his comfortable little home and well clad wife and children, but Susan was of such an exacting and nervous disposition that she could not tolerate her husbands spending either time or money out of her presence.

Some women have got the strange idea that their husbands are only actually safe when in their sight, and that the world outside of home is fraught with innumerable dangers from which men have no power to protect themselves. Many wives will worry more if their husbands are out later than usual at night, than if their baby had strayed away and got lost. Daniel knew that his wife was afflicted in this way, but she had other shortcomings which were as bad or worse. She was of an irritable, complaining nature, and seldom gave him any peace when he was in the house, so it was little wonder that he stayed so much out of it. But, for all that, he was a good provider for home, strictly temperate, and well liked by everybody.

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He crept into bed with a sigh, and settled himself down for a good sleep. He was in a warm, comfortable condition after the exercise of his long walk and anticipated a sound slumber. But Susan's cold feet coming in contact with his ankles caused him to start involuntarily.

"Oh of course! I suppose my feet are cold," exclaimed Susan without turning her head. "No wonder I am an icicle, trembling here in the cold since nine o'clock! I don't know how you men folks think we poor women get on in our loneliness and discomfort."

'I don't see what you lack in comfort Susan," ven-

fort."

"I don't see what you lack in comfort Susan," ventured poor Daniel.

"You don't eh? You don't because you won! that's why! How do you suppose I can go to sleep, and you out nobody knows where? Do you think I have any nerves or feelings"

"Why yes, I know you have, but you also have as many home comforts as any woman in the village. You seem to forget that I have to work all day to keep you and the children, and while you are home in safe shelter, I have to go out in all weathers."

"Work all day!" sneered Susan, turning round with a jerk, and staring flereely at the ceiling. "You call it hard work to sit on a stool and write, do you? Oh don't I wish I was in your place, and had nothing else to worry me but what you have."

"I wish you were," returned Daniel sarcastically. "You'd soon be sorry for your condition. Here you are with a good home, everything of the best in it, don't owe a cent in the world, have a couple of nice children and a devoted husband and yet you are not satisfied! Well, well, I wish I was a woman and in your place."

"And I wish I was a man and in your place," re-

satisfied! Well, well, I wish I was a woman and in your place!"
"And I wish I was a man and in your place," retorted Susan, as she turned round to the wall again determinedly.
Daniel remained silent and thought himself to sleep, satisfied that if he spoke again, Susan would maintain the recognized feminine privilege of having the last word.

# CHAPTER II.

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When Daniel woke up at six o'clock on the following morning he experienced a most peculiar sensation. His face felt remarkably cold, and on raising his hand to it he found that his whiskers and mousta's had disappeared! His surprise was intensified when he discovered that Susan, who was snoring away at his side, was wearing them!

In a dazed kind of way he got out of bed, and with an instinct which he could not account for, put on Susan's garments and went downstairs to start the fire and prepare breakfast. Now, he knew as much about lighting fires and cooking as the goose quill pen with which he scratched all day long, so it was only by dint of using six times the usual amount of wood and a little kerosene that he was able to start he fire at all. Then he put some coffee in a saucepan, poured some cold water over it and placed it on the stove to boil.

It was strange, but he did not seem greatly astonished when Susan came downstairs dressed in his office clothes, and asked him to hurry up with the breakfast or she would be late at the store. He noticed that she complained of the coffee, refused to eat the buckwheat cakes, which were burned and eathery, and that she started off to the village practically without breakfast, after admonishing him to wake Freddy and the baby, and see that no harm be-

eat the buckwheat cakes, which were burned and leathery, and that she started off to the village practically without breakfast, after admonishing him to wake Freddy and the baby, and see that no harm befel them during the day.

There had been a kind of scared and mystified look upon Susan's face, and he imagined somehow that she must have been as ill at ease and dumfounded as he was, but neither of them mentioned anything to express their feelings.

His wife gone, after he had helped her on with his overcoat and given her his rubbers and umbrella, Daniel sat down and began to think what he should do first. He had to wake the children and wash and dress baby, give them their breakfasts of bread and butter and hominy, then wash the breakfast dishes, darn his own socks and Susan's, put the next days wash to soak, feed the chickens and the hers, clean the tinware, make the beds, iron the linen, dust the parlor, wash the lamp chimneys and trim the lamps, and scrub the kitchen and the hall stairs before the

were crying with hunger, and when he had appeased that, they began to cry for their mother. Then his calamities set in in dead earnest. He broke at least half of the crockery in washing it. He darned up the leg holes in all the socks so that nobody could get their feet in, and pierced his fingers in half a dozen-places with the darning needle, he put the soiled linen to soak in the dairy tubs, gave the pigs food to the chickens and vice versa, burned nearly every piece of linen he tried to iron, broke the parlor ornaments and had a lamp explosion before he realized that it was time to prepare dinner. Then he found that the fire had gone out again!

When he had relighted the fire with more wood and kerosene, he began to think what he was going to get for dinner anyhow. He had forgotten to prepare some vegetables and could not find any meat in the larder. Then it occurred to him that the butcher's cart had passed while he was washing the dishes, so there was no likelihood of getting any meat that day.

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cart had passed while he was washing the dishes, so there was no likelihood of getting any meat that day.

"Well," he thought, "the children will have to be satisfied with bread and butter, but what will I do for Susan's dinner when she comes home from work in the evening?" He decided on catching and killing a chicken, which he did. It took him nearly all the afternoon to pluck the feathers from the fowl and clean it, and then he consulted with himself whether he should boil or roast it. As soon as he had determined on roasting it he found that the fire had gone out for the fourth time!

Now Daniel was a Christian man and a staunch church member, but he felt like going through an improvised communion service when he looked at the clock, the condition of the house, the children, the dead chicken and the fireless grate! It was five minutes to six and he knew that even at that moment Susan was on her way home to supper, and where was her supper? The children were crying, the tables were filled with crockery, the floors strewn with all manner of things, the beds were unmade, the lamps not trimmed, the rookery, the floors strewn with all manner of things, the beds were unmade, the lamps not trimmed, the rookery, the floors strewn with all manner of things, the beds were unmade, the lamps not trimmed, the rookery, the floors strewn with all manner of things, the beds were chilly, and the firewell there wasn't any!

Daniel sat down in despair. How on earth could Susan get through all the work shedid in a day, always having things straight, and yet finding time to read or to do a little sewing or fancy work? And he thought, and had said, that she had a soft snap of it! Why he wouldn't be in her place for a—

But then he was in her place, and by his own wish fervently expressed only the night before! He had under-rated his wife's domestic duties both in their nature and extent, and now he could see that this "change for the worse" was a judgment upon him.

### CHAPTER III.

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Susan had no sooner left the house in the morning than she began to realize that the actual wearing of the breeches was much more uncomfortable than wearing them in a matrimonial and figurative sense. After her first horrifed glance in the mirror that morning she had not dared to raise her hands to her face except when washing, and she was in mortal terror that some of the neighbors would see her and pass some remarks as to her appearance.

But everybody she met greeted her with a "Good morning Daniel," so it was evident that the exchange of persons was, to outward view, complete. The mile and a half walk, however, almost tired her out, and it was with lagging steps that she walked into Mr. Blodger's store nearly ten minutes after the proper time.

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"Come Daniel you're late, and don't seem in a hurry either," cried the head of the firm, as he stood in the counting-room waiting for his book-keepers appearance. "Here are thirteen letters want immediate attention—ten of them are orders to go out this morning. I want the ledger posted up to date and all outstanding accounts to go out before you leave to-night. Then look up that bill of Smith, Prosser & Co. and check it from the invoices. I fancy they have overcharged us. And say, keep the clothing, gents furnishings, and shoe departments receipts separate so that we can estimate the profit on each. By the way, check that bill of Bunker's first thing, his traveling salesman will be here to-day and I want you to take to him about that last lot of goods. Have the paysheets ready by noon, ready to pay off and write to



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Gibson & Farnham to send us half a gross of assorted hats—better make it a gross as the spring trade will soon be here. See Mr. Falkley about his stock taking, and be sure that Mr. Cross gives you the list of what boys' shoes he has on hand. I will see you in the afternoon about several other matters."

Mr. Blodger's walked off at a rapid, business like gait, and Susan took off her hat, coat and rubbers, and lifted herself on to the high stool where her husband usually passed his days. The multitude of instructions given to her by Mr. Blodger confused her senses. She took Daniel's favorite quill pen from the rack, and began to suck the feathered end of it and try to think.

The first thing she had to do was to answer thirteen letters—it usually took her at least two days to prepare an answer to one. Ten of these letters contained orders which she would have to issue to the heads of different departments, and enter the same in different books, make out an invoice for each, and see that the goods went out on time. Then the next "first thing" was to check that bill of Bunker's, whoever he was, and talk to the salesman about the last goods when he called in; then the pay sheets, Smith & Prosser, post ledger, send out accounts, write Gibson & Farnham, see Falkley and Cross—and, more work after dinner!

Gracious goodness! did Daniel, her Daniel, ever have to get through such a terrible lot of brain work in one day? Did his head get muddled up with column after column of figures until it ached? Did he have to pore, hour after hour every day through those great musty books, check bills, examine invoices, make estimates, write letters, send out accounts, answer intricate questions, keep track of stock, direct foremen, post ledgers and keep daybook and journal and still be able to come home sane at any time of night? And she had said that he didn't work hard! Moreover she had wished to be in his place! Why she wouldn't be in Daniel's shoes for—

for—
But then she was in them, by her own sincere wish, and apparently in them for keeps!
Susan sat at the desk until long past noon, doing nothing but thinking. Then she went out to her lunch when she saw Mr. Blodger come in the store, and stayed out until she saw him go off again in his wagon.

Daniel sat down and began to think what he should do first. He had to wake the children and wash and dress baby, give them their breakfast of bread and butter and hominy, then wash the breakfast dishes, darn his own socks and Susan's, put the next day's wash to soak, feed the chickens and the pigs, clean the tinware, make the beds, iron the linen, dust the parlor, wash the lamp chimneys and trim the lamps, and scrub the kitchen and the hall stairs before the noonday meal.

He knew very little about any of these domestic duties, and therefore did not undertake them exactly in their proper order. He woke up Freddy and little May and tried to wash and dress the latter, but the haby resented his interference and would not do anything but cry "Mama." Even when he was through dressing her, she did not seem as usual, and then Daniel discovered that he had put on her little petticoat and dress wrong side before. He spent half an hour rectifying the wrong, and then started to get the children's breakfasts, only to find that the fire, which he had neglected, had gone out!

Long before he had started it again the children's breakfast dishes, and stared at the books, the bills, the letters, and accounts, for an hour two longer, when she gave him go off again in his wagon. Then she will be there, and stayed out until she saw him go off again in his wagon. Then she will say on.

Then she returned to her desk and stared at the books, the bills, the letters, and sccounts, for an hour two longer, when she got up put on her rubbers, hat and coat, and walked out of the store, much to the surprise of the rest of the clerks and salesmen. Her head was dizzy, her brain was burning, not with the amount of work she had dout of the store, much the head was dizzy, her brain was burning, not with the amount of work she had dout of the store, much the was through divided she would go home and apologize to Daniel. She had done the had housework was easy after all—little petting the wrong, and then she wall was a surprised to the she would m

Daniel was beside her in bed looking very sad and very frightened.

"Daniel," said she "I have had a bad dream!"

"So have I, Susan," he replied, "and I am very thankful it was a dream!"

"I thought, Daniel, that I had to do your work at the store all day!" said Susan.

"And I thought that I had to do your work in the house all day!" rejoined her husband.

"Daniel, I wouldn't have your work for the world."

"Susan, I wouldn't have yours for twenty worlds,"

"I think it is wisest, Daniel, to let well alone and be contented with our lot!"

"So do I," murmured Daniel, "or we might make a change for the worse."

John S. Grey.

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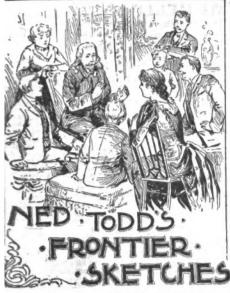
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Some Indian Legends.—The Indians' Horse.

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Almost everybody knows Ned Todd and all like to hear him tell stories for two reasons. First, his stories can always be relied on as authentic; second, because they are thrilling.

It was evening at the Sturgeon House in Okl thoma City and quite a group of people were gathered there. Among them Tom P. Morgan and John H. Whitson, two authors who have aided in giving to the great West a literature.

There was also pretty Winnie Dawson the school-teacher, and her lover, Jack Royal, a handsome young dry goods clerk. These with some half a dozen others went to make up an audience who were waiting the arrival of Ned Todd. Some small boys were there also waiting impatiently his return.

"Bet he tells us a good un to-night, Jimmie," said one little fellow to his companion.

"Bet he does."

"Hair raiser."

"Yes."

"Bout Injuns."

- Bout Injuns."
- "Yes."
  "They raise hair, don't they?"
  "Papa says so."
  Tom Morgan wanted to know if the boys liked
  Indian stories.
  "Yes." said one.

Indian stories.
"Yes," said one.
"Then why don't you read some of Whitson's
stories? He can give you a hair raiser."
Whitson who heard this sally said:
"Your poems, Tom, would sell well in the nursery."
"Hush, here comes Major Todd," said Winnie

"Hush, here comes Major Toud," said visual Dawson.
Major Todd, or Ned Todd as he would be called, entered the parlor and gazing around on the eager faces asked:

"Well, what does all this mean? You look as if you were expecting something."

"We are," answered Winnie.

"What?"

"You."

"Humph!"

Ned sat down.

"Now set your pipe, Mr. Todd," said Winnie.

Ned sat down.
"Now get your pipe, Mr. Todd," said Winnie.
"Why?"

Whenever you get your pipe that means a story is "Whenever you get your property of the coming."
"Does it?"
"It does."
"Well, Miss Winnie, didn't I promise you something to-night?"
"You did. To tell me about Indians."
"What about them?"
"Bome of their traditions."
"Well, I could not tell all their traditions. They

"Well, I could not tell all their traditions. They sere too many."

Here Ned Todd produced his pipe and tobacco pouch. The small boys clapped their hands and began to shout for joy.

"What does that mean?" Ned Todd asked.
"It means yer goin' to tell us a tale."
Ned smiled.
"Now, John, get your pencil," whispered Tom Morgan. "You will need it to jot down ideas he'll give you."

"No, Tom, you can have the first. Give me the second."
"What sort of a tradition do you want, Miss Winhie?" Ned Todd asked.
"An"

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"What sort of a tradition do you want, Miss Winnie?" Ned Todd asked.

"Any."

Ned lighted his pipe. For a few moments he puffed in silence and then said:

"Indian traditions are peculiar. It is said that Tecumseh believed in the supernatural and when he went about getting up the great confederation which terminated with his death at the Thames, he told all the people that the Great Spirit had commissioned him to be their leader. The Indians believed him. He went south and while among the Tuckapache Creeks told them that the Great Spirit had ordered him to organize all the Indians into a vast army and drive the white people out of the land and across the great water from whence they came. The son of the Tuckapache chief was one day in the wood when he met a snake. Indians have a strong superstition about snakes and many of them will under no consideration kill one.

"The snake, according to the Indian's story, invited the young man to follow him and led him through many paths in the forest and finally into the river. The young Indian was at first afraid to plunge into the cold water and until assured by the snake, in whom he had the utmost confidence, he would be supported from drowning by an unknown power, did he make the venture. A few days previous the young Indian had thrown his silver hatchet at a bird and it had fallen in the river and was lost. His father had commanded him to leave and not return until he brought back the hatchet.

"When it was reported that the son was seen to plunge in the water the old chief was very sorry he had been so cruel to him and mourned him as dead.

"A few days later as the chief or king of the Tuckapaches was passing the river he saw an old man sitting on a stone. He was covered with great queer scales like a fish and the chief recognized him as the river king.

"Don't be uneasy about your son,' said the river king, 'he will return. And don't you decide to go to war with the Shawnee chief (Tecumseh) until you have seen

"'Don't be uneasy about your son,' said the river king, 'he will return. And don't you decide to go to war with the Shawnee chief (Tecumseh) until you have seen your son."

"When the chief returned he found old Tecumseh the daring Shawnee anxious for his decision. The bundle of arrows had been presented to him but he would not accept the token.

"'I am going north to Michigan,' said Tecumseh, 'and when I get there I will stamp on the ground and you will feel the jar here.'

"The Tuckapache believed the river king and determined not to decide until his son returned. After spending nine days in the water the chief's son came back. He was a marvelous young fellow (no doubt for lying), and he told how he had been enticed into the river by the snake and joined the water king who lived in great splendor under the water in a green palace which was walled and tapestried with moss and beautified with water cresses. That on a throne made of living serpents he saw the river king, at whose right side sat his daughter, a maiden of sixteen or seventeen of rare beauty. In fact the young chief fell in love with her.

"The business of the water king was to instruct the young man to tell his father under no circumstances to join the Shawnee chief in the war against the whites as the red men would be defented and the great leaders all slain. That Tecumseh was a fanatic and the prophet a humbug. The Tuckapaches decided to have nothing to do with the man.

"On Tecumseh's return north or about that time the New Madrid earthquake shook the western continent and the indians all said:

"The Shawnee chief is crazy and is stamping his foot on the ground."

"A few days later the chief's son disappeared. Weeks went by and he was not seen. Then the old man mourned him as dead.

"One day a favorite warrior who had been fishing all night at the river returned to the chief's wigwam and told him he had seen his son on the night before. That at midnight while the moon was riding high in a cloudless heaven, he was fishing at the river when two beings appeared from beneath the water. One was the chief's son on whose body green scales had begun to grow and the other was a beautiful maiden who was green and whose hair was like water moss. They shouled in the water and their arms were entwined like lovers about each other. The old chief believed the story and was comforted by it, though he never saw his son. He used to go and sit for hours on the river bank hoping he would come up but he never came."

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When Ned Todd had finished this wild Indian tradition everybody was breathless with attention. Winnie at last asked:
"And was it true?"
"No child," Todd answered.
Everybody but Jack Royal laughed. Jack would not laugh no difference how ridiculous Winnie's remarks might be.
"Why did the Indians make up such a story?"
"The Tuckapachee's did not want to go into the war and this story was a subterfuge to keep out of it."
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"But the young chief disappearing."

"He was probably drowned while fishing."

"The Indian is a remarkable specimen of the human race." John H. Whitson the author began. "His imagination is fertile, his perceptions keen and his observation of animals and nature broad.

"To the poor Indian whose untutored mind, See's God in every cloud and hears Him in the wind."

"Fell us another Indian story," interrupted Winnie. "One not so much a fairy story as that."

"So my little girl has got too large for real fairy stories," said Ned Todd with a kindly smile at Winnie who blushed very perceptibly.

"Well, young children and old children like to hear stories of animals."

"Yes, yes," cried the boys.

"How would you all like a story of an Indian and his horse?"

"Splendid," cried Winnie clapping her hands.

"First class," Jack Royal answered.

"Bully!" cried one of the small boys.

Everybody looked at the little fellow and he hid his face in his hands.

Ned's pipe was filled now and he set it going. He smoked a few moments in silence and then hears.

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THE STORY OF THE INDIAN AND HIS HORSE. "There still lives in the western part of the Cherokee Nation an Indian with the cuphonious name of Saludaw-whisk, which translated in English means corn-planter. Well, in order to not strain my jaws by using such a barbarous name ['Ill call him by his English cognomen, at the risk of damaging the romance.

romance.
"Cornplanter was an honest planter, a farmer who had a small field and some cattle, but he lacked the thrift essential to success. He grew corn and wheat just enough to supply himself and his wife and five children. Cornplanter spoke English well, lived in a log house, had a barn and was quite civilized, but poor.

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"The Indian had but one piece of property of which he was proud and that was a young horse, which he had raised from a colt. It was black as jet, and called Midnight. The most knowing animal perhaps one ever saw. How he got such a creature was a mystery. Its hair was fine as silk and its skin glossy and soft as satin. No thoroughbred in all the world could beat it in speed and endurance. The colt grew up with the children. They fondied it, and often a little dusky head could be seen sleeping side by side with Midnight. The wife and children loved the horse almost as much as one another. One day in an evil hour Cornplanter took Midnight to the fair at Muskogee, where he was seen by the great white men who had come there and Midnight was the admiration of all. Of course he took the premium. He won the races and untrained as he was it was evident that nothing could equal him in speed.

"Cornplanter was asked his price but would not give it. He was beguiled by a willy white man from California into drinking fire water for which he had an unfortunate weakness and when drunk sold his horse for the paltry sum of two hundred dollars. The oldest boy, a lad of twelve who was a bright lad for his years, realized what was done and mounting the horse rode him home. When Cornplanter became sober he followed his son, but the white man was not going to give up his bargain. He came in a day or two to their home and asked for the horse. Redbird the boy had him concealed in the wood.

"They could either give up Midnight or he would have the father arrested and sent to Fort Smith for fraud on a white man.

"It was a bitter trial. They begged the white man to take back the two hundred dollars but he refused to do it and demanded the horse. Midnight had to go. The Indian children embraced him for the last ime, their tear

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were asleep the whole household was awakened by a well known neigh at the door. The children screamed with delight and without waiting to dress all leaped from their beds and ran to the door which the father

to do it and demanded the horse. Midnight had to go. The Indian children embraced him for the last time, their tears fell on his glossy skin and the father time, their tears fell on his glossy skin and the father and mother dared not look on the favorite horse.

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In a city that daily entertains over 30,000 strangers, the provision made for their bodily comfort is one of the sights of New York. There are all acrts and conditions in which to deed the and all sorts and conditions of men and women to be feel, and all sorts and conditions of men and women to be feel, and all sorts and conditions of men and women to be feel, and all sorts and conditions in which to deed the sights of the welve cents according to lead to the sight of the sig ade mentally.



A SQUARE MEAL AT A BOWERY LUNCH HOUSE.

The faces were ever the same. The young men gave evidence of occasional dissipation; the older men showed the anxious stare that comes from perpetual warfare against fate, and there was an air of floom about some that indicated a surrender in the truggle for a higher place. The boys who came in slways patronized the pastry end of the menu to the utter exclusion of more solid food, while a half terrifled, half exultant look overspread their features, indicating very plainly that a spread of this sort was both forbidden and rare.

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from the guests and waiter attested further the greerous spirit of democracy which reigned there supreme.

There is probably no more thoroughly typical New York restaurant, than the one of which I am now speaking. Every possible sort of man here finds his speaking. Every possible sort of man here finds his with the shipping clerk, and the stranger from the wilds of New Jersey is an ever present customer. It is the great popular feed forum of the country. The fare is good but cheap. Roast beef 15 cents, somps is cents, dishes to order from 25 to 35 cents. Cofees cents. The proprietors keep no books. What can is received through the day is divided at night significant of the soon as delivered. The revenue is simply enominous, and the proprietor personally promenades is floor as soon as delivered. The revenue is simply enominous, and the proprietor personally promenades is floor during the busy hours to see that everything goes right, though he is a millionaire.

Another striking feature in the business district in the introduction of "stand-ups," or to be more diraffied, "quick-lunches." It is indeed a rapid operation. The customer shoots in, has a sandwich and a cup of coffee shot at him, shoots a dime at the cashier and shoots back to his office. There is no one to waif as him, in o one to charge him. He helps himself and settles with the cashier on going out. It is greatly the credit of its patrons that an instance of dishonely has never been detected. It is perhaps too much is say that none has ever occurred, for I read quite excently of a man up-town who made a practice of rebing the blind man who sold him his morning page at the elevated, and human nature is frail. But is quick lunch man prospers, and his tribe increses.

visitors. From every quarter of the globe they can and from every race. A more motley set never a together. The average check was less than 16 cent Down town on the West side is a great caravanta that feeds more people than any other similar insistion in this or any other country. There is no clear time. Three or four in the morning finds the crowded; later on the crowd thins only to sa again as regular breakfast hour approaches. Anoth Iull and dinner trade sets in. This practically in them up for the day. The utter self confid ne, if easy familiarity of the waiters in this place began description. "Gimme some corn of the nay want to take in de suburban. Say," he continue and track? I've never been there before." I suggest the bridge, another the boat, the third thought yeals the bridge, another the boat, the third thought yeals the bridge, another the boat, the third thought yeals of youse fellows know the way to the suburbath Sater. You're in great luck," and the man when ye really goin' to de races? I t'ought you was givin' a steer. You're in great luck," and the man when going to the races smiled a self complacent smile the waiter looked at him admiringly. The alighted lay suffered by the rest of us in order that the new man might be waited on first was borne in aspirit coming to men who were not so fortunately situated to the cust of the cust of us in order that the new from the quests and waiter at tested further the gerous spirit of democracy which reigned the supreme.

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A QUICK LUNCH AT A "STAND UP."

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Across the way from the resort is perhaps the mod expensive of all the down town dining places, its Cafe Savarin. It is a favorite resort for big insurance men, bankers, etc. Three gentlemen can lunch comfortably on a ten dollar bill, metaphorically speaking, but they will not by any means have made an elaborate meal. The service is good, the waiten polite and efficient, and the cuisine leaves but little to be desired. Across the street, at the top of the Equitable Building, is the Lawyers Club, which entertains many guests between one and three. The sund club schedule is in force, and undoubtedly some advantages are enjoyed not possible at a public restaurant. The Mills Building in Wall St. has slee a similar affair, only this is open to the general public, and the prices are more adapted to miscellaneous patronage. English Chop houses dot the intervenils space between Wall Street and the Produce Exchange, besides several German and Italian places that enjoy the custom of tobacce importers and the experimance of Lelimonico's down town establishment draw from the three great exchanges besides Wall Street, and keeps away the common herd by its extravagani prices. Like the up-town establishment its customers are mainly millionaires.

At night, the down town resorts are deserted and the great Table D'hote restaurants to which I have referred commence operations. The dining-rooms of Delmonico's on 5th Ave. and 26th 8t. present a seem of splendor, and the Hoffman House is a sight worth witnessing. In the leading hotels that have recently sprung up music from a band screened behind a mass of foliage does much to enhance the patronare of the interesting sight and well worth a visit.

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Bridget Donahue.

Awake, my love, awake.
Away with melancholy.
A life on the ocean wave.
(A hunting we will go.
All on account of Eliza.
Ah, there, stay there.
Believe me, if all those endearing.

Ah, there, stay there.
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Bird of the greenwood.
But in that fatal moment. I lith of Saint Particle.
Blue bonnets are over the border.
Blue bonnets are over the border.
Battle of Otter Bourne.
Comin' thro' the rys.
Christmas bells at sea.
Come rest in this bosom.
Charley over the water.
Come under my plaidie.
Do not cast him down.
Do not cast him down.
Do not cast him down.
Do not you go, Tommy.
Die wacht am Rhein.
Des deutschen faterland.
Don't forget to write.
Down in a coal mine.
Flowers of the forest.
Farewell to Lachaber.
Farewell to Ballochmyle.

Buy a broom.
Bay of Biscay.
Boo up screely,
Blue eyed Mary.
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The maiden's proper.
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The long, weary day.
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The long the long the long weal.
The roose fit on the rye.
The bloom is on the rye.
The bloom is on the rye.
The little fisher maiden.
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The little fisher maiden.
Whisper in the twilight.
Where are you going,
my pretty maid.
g Work, niggers, work.
When good King Arthur,
e When red leaves fall.
Who dat callin's os weet,
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Whiskers five a bas,
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When long e conspiring.
When one's conspiring,
When one's conspiring.

When one's conspiring.
Where's Rosanna gone? Where's Rosanna gone?
Where was Moses?
When the quiet moon is beaming.
Why chime the bells so merrily?
When you and I were young, Annie. young, Annie.
With joy my hearf.
We never speak as we pass by.
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wimple is, drudging away at law all day long when he might be enjoying a life of pleasurable ease!"

They did not know that "pleasurable lease" in young Pimwimple's lexicon meant criminal laziness. He had more respect for the hod carrier than for the idle dude who declares he has "no need to work." His theory was that the man who would not work, having health and strength, had no business on the earth.

Mr. Pimwimple was a bachelor, and that is why he was so much berated by the society matrons who had marriageable daughters in whom the great lawyer failed to show the slightest interest. His indifference to feminine charms was attributed to lack of good taste by the general run of the fair sex, but there were a few solid headed clubmen—close friends of Archibald's—who used to say that he would certainly marry when he found the right kind of party. But they knew him well enough to feel sure that no fashionable butterfly would, or could, ever win him.

Archibald Pimwimple was a strictly temperate and highly moral man. When not at business he could be found at home in his library or in the reading room of his favorite club. Balls, parties, theatres, receptions had no charms whatever for him; he thought them all waste of time. He subscribed liberally to all worthy public charities, but his private acts of benevolence far exceeded those done in public. If he had one hobby in life outside his business, it was practical charity, and he would often say to himself, "Of what use is my wealth except to help me to do good to my fellow-creatures?"

His mother had died two years before he lost his father, and the old lady who kept

His mother had died two years before he lost his father, and the old lady who kept house for him now, was a very distant relative on his mother's side. The household staff consisted of a female servant and a butler, who also acted as valet to Mr. Pimwimple.

wimple.

One night in the early eightys Mr. Pimwimple was walking homeward from the elevated station nearest to his house. It had commenced to rain, but the lawyer was so deeply immersed in thought that he was apparently oblivious of the fact that he was getting drenched. As he turned the corner of his own street, however, he came upon a young child crying bitterly. She was a girl about four or five, and was fairly well dressed but evidently in deep distress.

"What is the matter. little one?" asked "What is the matter, little one?" asked

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Archibald kindly, as he took the chlid by the hand.

"I's-I's-los-lost!" sobbed the little girl, looking up wistfully into Mr. Pimwimple's face as if hoping to find her home therein.

"I'ell me where you live," said the lawyer sympathetically.

"I-don't-know!" drawled out the little one between her tears.

"Well, who's little girl are you?"

"I's Waggles' girl!"

"Waggles?"

"Yeth, Tham Waggles' girl."

Half the people around that neighborhood were Mr. Pimwimple's tenants, but Sam Waggles's was an entirely new name to him. But the rain was now pouring in torrents and the street was no place for deliberation.

"Come along with me, little girl," said Archibald impulsively, as he lifted her in his arms. "My house is only half a block away, and then you can tell us all about it in a warm room, and we will try to find your father for you bye and bye."

When the stately butler opened the door for Mr. Pimwimple a few seconds later, he was astounded to find his master with a crying child in his arms.

"Send Mrs. Mayweather to the library at once," said Archibald, as he passed by the astonished servant and walked up the richly carpeted stairs with his still sobbing burden, whom he deposited on an arm chair in his comfortable study.

In less than two minutes Mrs. Mayweather, the housekeeper, tapped at the door, and receiving permission to enter, came into the room.

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"Waggles!"

"What Waggles?"

"Why, Sam Waggles."

"And who is he?"

"I haven't the slightest idea, but this little one will tell us as soon as she stops crying. Now my dear, let this lady take off your wetthings and give you a cup of hot tea, and then, when you feel quite warm and rested, you can't tell us how you came to get lost. Don't be afraid now, we'll find Sam Waggles for you by and bye."

"Oh please don't!" said the child piteously, as her tears commenced to flow afresh. "I don't want Waggles any more—he beat me, and he'll beat me again if he catches me. I—I ran away from him!"

"You ran away!" breathlessly exclaimed Mr. Pimwimple and Mrs. Mayweather simultaneously.





"Ye-yes," answered the child tearfully, "Waggles used to beat me so when I told the people who I was!"
"Well who are you?"
"Emily."

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"Well who are you?"
"Emily."
"And who is Waggles?"
"I don't know, he took me away from my
Mama ever so long ago—more than a week
I guess. An'he said he'd kill me if I didn't
tell everybody I was his little girl."
Archibald looked at Mrs. Mayweather
and shook his head.
"Here is a mystery," he said dubiously





# She kissed her daughter-in-law:

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"Instead of a lost child, she is a runaway! Well, take her and put her to bed and dry her clothes. Give her what she wants to eat and drink, and to-morrow morning I'll see what can be done for her."

When he had changed his outer clothing and partaken of supper downstairs, Archibald returned to the library, and seated himself at his desk. He tried to write but he could not, his mind kept running altogether to the little child upstairs. Finally he went to his overcoat pocket, and took out a brief, which was only handed to him that evening, and which he had not had time to glance at. If he could not write, at all events he could read, and study up the case before going down town next morning. As he opened the document the endorsement met his gaze—"Curtin va Curtin and Curtin." The name was familiar at once, and conjured up before him the sweet countenance of a fair young widow whose case the content of the counterpart of the widow to him. He it was, likewise, who had just put this case in his hands, but he knew it all without reading the brief.

Mary Curtin, the young widow alluded to, had married half a dozen years ago into a rich family, much against the wish of the latter, In fact the son, George, had been disowned by the Curtins on account of his alleged misalliance. So embittered were his people against him and his wife that they would not see or visit them on any pretence, and even when a little girl was born to them and George had written to his father begging a small loan, the letter was returned to him without comment. Two years later the cleder Curtin died suddenly, and George was notified by his brothers that he was not expected or required to attend the funeral. Nevertheless he did so, and pledged with the town of the counter of the was returned unopened—then she died. The funeral was over before George was notified, and the shock of his mother's death, coupled with the ervel action of his brothers, utterly prostrated him. The old lady had excluded George from everythi

whose inter and motel sine and occurrent whose farming of from through family differences."

Archibald put down the document gently, put his left hand into his right and shook it heartily.
"I am proud to shake hands with myself," he said audibly, "unless the Curtin case is already won, and indeed, unless it is settled out of court, I am no lawyer," Then he looked out of the window to see how the weather was. In another minute he was in the hall calling, "Marjorie! Marjorie!" Mes. Mayweather came rapidly in response to his call.
Where is your charge?" he asked hurriedly, "the little girl I brought home with me?"
"In my room Archibald," she answered, "why?"
"Is she asleep?"
"No, we were just talking—"
"Well I want to see her a moment, lead the way!"
Mrs. Mayweather was somewhat surprised at Archibald's manner, but nevertheless proceeded towards her bedroom on the next floor. Little Emily was sitting up in bed, and looking over the housekeeper's album.
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"Emily Curtin," replied the child promptly.

"Just so," continued Archibald with a smile, "and how long have you lost your mama—about how many nights do you think you have been away from her?"

The child paused to consider.

"One—two—free nights!" she said, slowly.

"I think she is counting to-night," said Mrs. Mayweather, 'for she told me a few minutes ago that she lost her mama in the Park on Sunday afternoon, and that this Waggles came to her and said he would take her to mama, but took her to his own house instead, and beat her until she promised to say she was his child. She has some sort of a legal document here," and the housekeeper took a paper from the dressing table and handed it to Archibald.

One glance at the paper was sufficient for Archibald. "Where did you get this?" he asked the child.

"At Waggles' house," replied Emily seriously, and in a whisper, "Yesterday he gave me something masty to drink and it made my heart burn. And when I told him this morning that it made my heart burn he took that paper from his pocket and said, 'Here is something would do your heart good if you only knew what it was.' He was drunk and he always is. But I watched him put the paper behind a picture, and when he had gone out again I got it, and put it over my heart, but it didn't do it any good at all!"

"But it will do, bye and bye little girl, take my word for that," cried the lawyer in cestasy. "Now Marjorie, just try to keep the little girl awake for an hour and I will bring her mother here."

"Oh thank you sir," cried Emily. "I'll be so good if you will only find mama for me."

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Half a mile away in a dingy room in a dingy street, that poor young widow sat rocking herself to and fro in her lonely misery. It was a cruel blow when George lost the means of making a living for them by sickness; it was still more cruel when he was taken from her altogether, but it was bitterly cruel when her only child, her only hope, was stolen from her,

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for stolen she knew she had been. The police had been notified without avail, at the bouses of friends and everywhere she had searched, but in vain. When a ring came to the bell, she started up in joy, hoping that it was Emily or some tidings of her, but alsa it was only the lawer Mr. Gilbert had engaged for her—the famous Archie Pimwimple.

"Mrs. Curtin, unless I am mistaken," he said gaily, as she opened the door. "Now just come inside I want to talk to you for a few seconds only and then I shall have to ask you to accompany me. Ah, now I shall have to ask you to accompany me. Ah, now I can see you in the light! You have been crying and I don't wonder. But just dry your tears, little Emily is all right at my house."

"Emily! How? where? Oh, thank God!" cried the lady as she clasped her hands, and seated herself. "Where did you find her?"

"She found herself. I don't know how, but I happened to meet her by accident, and took her home. I'm glad I did! My carriage is at the door and will take you directly to her. I have to go to Inspector Byrnes' and may be detained an hour or so, but my housekeeper is expecting you so you had better go at once. I shall have more news to tell you when I return."

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Archie saw the agitated woman into his carriage, told the driver to turn her over to Marjorie and then took the Third Avenue elevated cars down to police headquarters, where he was well known and highly respected. Two minutes after his entry a couple of detectives left in a hack, in quest of Sam Waggles, who was "bagged" and brought to headquarters in less than an hour. At first he was sullen and defiant, but finding that the inspector knew everything he finally confessed that, having told the Curtin Brothers about the codicil in their mother's will, he was bribed to steal and destroy the document and leave the house. He had decided not to destroy the will at the last moment. When Jane Shaw was approached however, she declined to accept any bribe, or be a party to the conspiracy to keep the child out of what was hers by right, hence her discharge. Waggles also admitted that when it became known that Jane Shaw was giving evidence on the opposite side, he was again bribed by the Curtin Brothers to steal the child, hoping thus to obtain the mother's resignation of all claims in order to recover her daughter.

When Mr. Albert and Mr. William Curtin received Archie Pimwimple and "a friend" that evening, they were extremely cordial and self possessed, but a deathly pallor came over the face of each when the full object of the visit was made known and the law-yer's friend introduced as a detective.

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"You have settled this matter so successfully and easily, Mr. Pimwimple," said Mrs. Curtin, "that I am sure I shall be largely indebted to you for your trouble."

"Well, I will let you know what I require as a fees the course of a year," gallantly responded Archie.

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"Why, it is April, Busy Bee, don't you know?" says the foremost one; "and 'the wise man takes his umbrella when the sun shines' in this capricious month. It may rain in torrents before we get home again."

The weather is a trifle uncertain, I admit, still it does seem as if it never looked less like rain than now. But come in, come in! how inhospitable of me to keep you standing on the doorstep. Never mind about taking off your rubbers, I have not cleaned the Hive yet, and a little mud will not hurt anything. Queen Bee and I do not believe in cleaning house until it is "settled weather."

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2d row.—3 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same, (4 dc
in next 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 3 times, ch 3,

turn.

3d row.—(4 dc in ch 4, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4
times, ch 4, fasten with sc between last 2 dc, ch

3drow.—(4 dc in ch 4, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 4, fasten with sc between last 2 dc, ch 3, turn.

4th row.—17 dc under 4 ch, ch 1, (4 dc in 4 ch, ch 3, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 4, turn.

5th row.—(4 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, skip 1 dc, (ch 1, 1 dc in 2d dc) 8 times, ch 3, turn.

6th row.—1 dc under 1 ch, (2 dc under next 2 ch) 8 times, ch 1, (4 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 3, turn.

7th row.—(4 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, (1 dc in dc, 1 dc between 2d and 3d dc) 9 times, ch 3, turn.

8th row.—1 dc between 1st and 2d dc, (ch 1, 1 dc between next 2 dc) 18 times, ch 1, (4 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, (ch 2, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, (ch 2, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, (ch 2, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 1, 1 dc in 1 ch, (ch 2, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 3, turn.

9th row.—2 dc under 1st 2 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 3, turn.

10th row.—3 dc under 1st 2 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same, (skip next 2 ch, 4 dc in next 2 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 9 times, making 10 holes in scallop, skip 1 ch, 4 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same) 4 times, ch 3, turn.

12th row.—10 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same and so on to end of row, ch 3, turn.

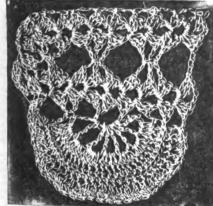
12th row.—10 dc in 4 ch, ch 4, 1 dc in same and so on to end of row, ch 3, turn.

18th row.—Same as 12th row, ch 1, turn.

18th row.—Same as 12th row, ch 1, turn.

18th row.—Same as 12th row, ch 3, turn.

18th row.—Same as 13th row, ch 1, turn.



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Chain 9. (No. 30 thread.)

1st row.—(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in 4th st, ch 4, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next 5th st, ch 5, turn.

2d row.—Shell on shell, ch 4, shell on shell, di in 1st st of ch, ch 5, turn.

3d row.—Shell on shell, ch 2, catch under oth of 4 ch with sc, ch 2, shell on shell, ch 3, turn.

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th row.—Shell on shell, ch 4, shell on snell, dc in 1st st of ch.
5th row.—Ch 3, shell on shell, ch 4, shell on shell, ch 3, tarn.
6th row.—Shell on shell, ch 2, catch under both 4ch with sc, ch 2, shell on shell, dc in 1st st of ch, ch 3, turn.
7th row.—Shell on shell, ch 4, shell on shell, tr, (thread over hook twice) in ch 3, ch 2, repeat 8 times more, sc in ch 3 of shell.

8th row.—Ch 3, 4 dc in each ch of 2, ch 2, shell on shell, ch 4, shell on shell, dc in 1st st of ch, ch 3, turn.

9th row.—Shell on shell, ch 2, catch under both 4 ch with sc, ch 2, shell on shell, sc in each of dc, (catching into back part of st), sc in 1st st of ch 3, ch 1, turn.

10th row.—Sc in each sc (in back part of st), turn at the end, ch 3, sc in 2d sc, ch 2, repeat to end. turn.

end, turn.

11th row.—Ch 5, sc in 5th st of ch 5, ch 1, sc in ch 2, repeat to end of scallop, ch 1, shell on shell, ch 4, shell on shell, dc in 1st st of ch; this completes one scallop. Fasten 1st and 2d picots of next scallop to the two last picots of preceding scallop.

preceding scallop.

These patterns are indeed beautiful, Mrs. Ellis; and to those of you who love to crochet, I will whisper a secret. Mrs. Frank Packard has promised to be here next month, and bring directions for a crocheted baby's sack, and some more edging. Now isn't that good news? I don't believe we shall hear any more grumbling now.

"Something for the knitters," did you say, Mrs. Limberger? Yes, it is only fair that they should have their turn; did you bring something?

"I have seen several requests for a quilt stripe, and would like you all to try mine.

STRIPE FOR KNITTED QUILT.

Cast up 21 stitches, knit across plain. 1st row.—3 plain, 7 seam, 1 plain, 7 seam, 3

plain.

2d row.—4 plain, over, 5 plain, over, slip 1 st, narrow, pass slip st over, over, 5 plain, over, 4

lain.
3rd row.—3 plain, 17 seam, 3 plain.
4th row.—4 plain, over, 1 plain, narrow, 1 eam, narrow, 1 plain, over, 1 seam, over, 1 lain, narrow, 1 seam, narrow, 1 plain, over, 4 lain.

plain, narrow, 1 seam, narrow, 1 plain, over, 4 plain.

5th row.—3 plain, 4 seam, 1 plain, 3 seam, 1 plain, 4 seam, 3 plain.
6th row.—4 plain, over, 1 plain, narrow, 1 seam, narrow, 1 plain, over, 4 plain.
7th row.—3 plain, 4 seam, 1 plain, 2 seam, 1 plain, 2 seam, 1 plain, 2 seam, 1 plain, 2 seam, 1 seam, narrow, 1 plain, over, 4 plain, over, 1 plain, over, 4 plain, 5 seam, 1 plain, 1 seam, 1 plain, 1 seam, 1 plain, 5 seam, 3 plain.

10th row.—4 plain, over, 3 plain, over, ship 1, narrow, pass slip st over, over, 3 plain, over, 4 plain. Repeat from 1st row until desired length.

"I would like to see some directions for tat-

Repeat from 1st row until desired length."

"I would like to see some directions for tatting given among the Bees," says Mrs. M. E. Keene of Statesburgh, S. C. "And as I cannot understand the terms used in crocheting very well, will not some of the sisters exchange crochet samples with me for tatting patterns? I do a good deal of both."

Tatting is hard to describe, but I wish the Bees would bring directions for some pretty kind, with a sample. Now Cousin Kate, that isn't fair—what are you and the girls doing off in that corner? Just come out and show your work to us all. If you are making something pretty, we want to try it too.

"Well, we didn't care about the knitted quilt stripe, so I thought I would just be telling the girls how to make a few little things. Just now we were trying a

PANSY MAT.

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Crochet with white single zephyr wool, 5 chain sts. Join these in a circle and crochet round and round in de till you have increased to 84 sts, making a circle about 6 inches in diameter, and taking care by suitable increasings to keep it flat as possible. The next row is worked with very dark green single zephyr in sc all round, crocheting between instead of in each st. The next row is done in lemon-colored zephyr, working between every green stitch 4 dc sts. The last row is worked in shaded purple zephyr, getting that which has the darkest shades. Begin this row with one chain stitch, then 6 dc between the groups of 4 dc in the preceding row; then 1 ch and catch over in the middle of each yellow group. Repeat in this way all around, when finished the border of the matlooks like a full ruffle. Now take 5 of the purple shells, and join the 1st and 5th lightly underneath. Then skip 2 shells, take 5 more and proceed as before. This has the effect of a circle of pansies laid closely together. To make a larger mat, add 7 sts on the last white row for each additional pansy, each additional pansy,

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Cover 2 pieces cardboard about 6 inches square, with red silesia. Then with macrame twine crochet a piece in shell st just large enough to cover it all over. Make a row of scallops top and bottom? tie ribbon on the handle, and bows at the sides.

NARROW LACE.

Cast on 8 stitches.

1st row.—Knit 2, over twice, narrow, over twice, narrow, over twice, narrow.

2d row.—Knit 2, purl 1, knit 5 rows plain.

8th row.—Bind off 3, knit the rest plain.

Repeat from 1st row.

Here is Wisconsin Blossom among us again: and what have you for us this time?

"Yes, as I was so kindly received before I ventured to come again with a few pretty trifles, which I hope will be of use to the Bees.

Will begin with

A PEN WIPER.

Get a small Japanese fan (can get them for 3 cents at any store, cut leaves (a little smaller than the fan) of chamois skin, pink the edges and fasten at the back of fan. Gild the handle and tie a ribbon on the end.

TOILET BOTTLES.

Cover any prettily shaped bottles with glue and sift sand over them; let dry then bronze or gild.

PHOTOGRAPH HOLDER.

A wire toaster gilded and tied with a ribbon

or cord, with the handle bent back for support, makes a pretty Christmas present.

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COLLAR AND CUPF BOXES.

Sand paper all lettering from a deep cigar box, line with plush or velvet, fasten a piece of good mirror on inside of cover with glue. Cut a piece of velvet or plush just the size of cover, cut from center a piece not quite so large as mirror; make a diagonal cut in each corner of this frame of velvet, turn the edges in and stitch with silk. Glue this in place as frame for mirror on lid. Paint delicate spray of flowers on the outside or oil thoroughly, ebonize, or bronze. The long shallow ones make collar or handkerchief boxes and the deep ones for cuffs.

But who is this at the door? Come in sister-

collar or handkerchief boxes and the deep ones for cuffs.

But who is this at the door? Come in, sister worker, do not stand outside. Why, it is Mrs. Mullikin of Frankfort, Ind.

"May I come in, Bees? I want to tell you how I made a pretty

RUG.

If you are as well pleased with your work as I was, you will not begrudge the time. Take the best cloth out of worn men's clothes, cut out 96 pieces about the size of the top of a tambler, 48 of which are of light cloth and 48 of dark. Cut same number small pieces, about 1-3 as large as first, half dark and half light. Buttonhole all with fancy colored worsted. Then place a small light piece in the centre of large dark piece and vice versa, fastening them with cross stitch. Place on orange colored calico in shape of six point star. To fill out corners, take white worked with red, red center piece. Bind edge with red.

Will some one tell me how to prepare the bisque and make the bisque flowers for stand throws? if flowers are made in moulds, where can they be obtained?

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time?
Oh, must you go so soon? Surely it is not late enough in the afternoon to be so dark—why, where is our beautiful sunshiny day? I declare, it rains like a mill-race coming down. Your umbrellas will be needed sure enough, and you were wise to bring them. Good-bye, a full meeting next time!

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SYNOPSIS.

One Fall evening Michael Bering started to call appen his brother Richard. When near the house, saw his nephew leave suddenly and run southward. Michael was puzzled and followed his nephew, but lost sight of him, changed his mind about his call, thinking his brother and son had been quarrelling and he retraced his steps to his apartments on upper Fifth Avenue. His brother had been murdered, and he was very soon summoned to go to the house. When he arrived all was confusion. Safe open, contents rided. A large amount of money remained in one compartment of the safe. Mary Irving, Richard Bering's ward was there mourning bitterly the loss of her friend and the absence of her lover, Richard junior. The son is suspected of committing the murder, but Mary remains faithful in her belief that he is innocent and will return. Michael Bering is not held in very high esteem by Mary, and she avoids him in every possible way, although some interviews are necessary. Richard Bering's will leaves his immense property to his son and Mary Irving, and should the son die first Mary is to inherit the whole, and Michael and Richard the son, are appointed joint executors. In the absence of Richard junior, Michael prepares to qualify alone, and detectives are busily engaged in hunting for the missing man.

### CHAPTER II.

THE QUARREL.

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It was in the library of the old house near Washington Square earlier in the evening on which Richard Bering met his death. The old gentleman was very fond of the house in which he had lived for many years, and of its surroundings. He had steadfastly resisted the many times repeated requests of his son Richard Junior and of his ward Mary Irving that they move to a more fashionable or more select part of the city. In his determination to remain where he was he was strengthened and upheld by the arguments of his younger brother Michael who for some reason, never clearly apparent, wished his brother to remain down town.

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"You are right, Richard." Michael would continue, turning sometimes to Mary Irving and sometimes to his nephew, "It the neighborhood is good for such people," and he would point with a comprehensive gesture to the northward of the square, "it is good enough for us, for you."

"Very good," answered Richard junior, between whom and his uncle there was little love lost, "Very good; but you find it pleasant to live where you do." "It merely happens that I am there. I don't care. I'd just as lief have my rooms anywhere hereabouts." Young Richard was about to reply and it was plain from his manner that he was exceedingly angry; but his father, alone among those who had known Michael Bering long, did not distrust him, stopped alom. He himself was irascible and quick tempered enough, and if there was a quarrel about he was more than willing to take his share of it.

"Stop," he said, "why do you quarrel over what I shall do? Do you suppose I am willing to be a bone for you puppies to growl over?"

The old man's face flushed quickly under his gray hair, and the others discreetly discontinued the discussion; but the young man was a little unwilling to. "Father," he said, "Uncle Michael." "Richard," he said to his brother, "how many times have I asked that Junior here shall not be permitted to call me Uncle? I won't be called "Uncle by any chap as old as he is. I won't be made to seem so old."

"Well, you are his uncle and he shall call you so if he pleases for all I care."

But young Richard did as he usually did when disputes of this sort became unpleasantly heated, he left the room. He was high-spirited enough; but he tried as much as he could to avoid any quarrel with his father, and this was greatly to his credit.

Now on this day father and son were alone together in the old-fashioned library of the old-fashioned house. The library was the back room o

"Iten you it shall not be," the one gently with his alosed hand.
"I beg, father," the younger man responded, carefully controlling himself from any outburst of impatience or ill-temper, "I beg, father, that you will bear all that I have to say."
"Hear?" the old man thundered, "Haven't I heard snough? You want to marry Mary Irving do you? It is an outrage—an outrage do you hear?"
And the old man jumped quickly from his chair, and walked nervously up and down before the fire. "An outrage?" the young man repeated after his tather. "An outrage? Why an outrage? I did not know I was so unworthy—I cannot remember that I have done anything so very wrong."
Young Richard was very cool apparently. He held



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himseit so thoroughly in check that there was a manifestation of his intense feeling. He went on directly:

"It must be because I am your son,"

"Richard Bering must have seen the humor in this rather than its cool insolence, for he stopped his angry walk and quietly seated himself.

"Remember, father," his son continued, "remember, that this is the most important matter of my life."

Mr. Bering sat quietly and musingly rubbed his chin with his hand. Some enjoyable recollection must have come to him for he smiled pleasantly; but he looked rather vacantly at his son. Presently he recovered himself and he seemed to shake himself together as he settled down quietly in his chair.

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Richard was embarrassed by this sudden change in the old gentleman's manner, and by this quiet request to go on with what he might have to say.

"Well, father," he went on shortly, "is there need to say much more? I love Mary and I want your permission to ask her to marry me"

"You cannot have it," Mr. Bering replied in a quiet way quiet unlike him. His anger seemed to have spent itself with its earlier outbreak.

"But father—"

"You cannot have it. That was what you wanted to know was it not?"

Then some consciousness that perhaps, after all, he did owe his son some consideration seemed to come to him, for he went on to explain, and explanations he rarely troubled himself to make.

"Now, Junior, this is the way I see this. Mary is my ward—"

"Yes, father," Richard junior said as the old gentleman paused.

"Well. I needed no assent to that. I asked no questions.

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"I am sure, sir, I want you to do your best for her; but I want you to believe that your best is to let her marry me."

"I won't say anything against you. You are a pretty good fellow except that you will lose your temper; a pretty good fellow as young men run now-adays. Yes, I rather think you suit me. You are studious. You will make a name; but why couldin't you choose to be a doctor as I wanted you to be. I hate the law. I suppose you chose the law because I preferred medicine. Then you will have plenty of money. Really, my boy, I haven't a word to say against you," and he patted the young man on the back in a very unusual burst of good fellowship.

"Then you mean to bid us go ahead, and to wish us good luck, sir?" the young man asked eagerly.

"No, I do not," his father responded snappishly.
"I'd on on them anaything of the sort. Does it follow that because I speak well of you I must accede to your whims?"

"This is not a whim, I am sure, sir," young Richard returned with dignity, determined that his love should not be spoken of lightly and so belittled, whatever might be his father's decision.

"I' was thinking how useful your advantages might have been to you if you had had an equal chance in the running. You might have won her; but, confound it, sir, the start wasn't a fair one. You got off too far in the lead. You haven't had any competitor at all. The race must be run over again. She must see and know some other men. I won't have her taken advantage of in my own home."



Nobody knows, I do not, he does not:

"But she loves me, as I do her."

"What?" bellowed the old man. "Have you dared to talk of love to her before speaking to me? You—you rascal I—"

But at this moment Richard junior fled the room in anger and annoyance, closing the door sharply after him. He heard his father call him, but he was too angry then to be at once obedient.

He stood in the hall for a few minutes doubtful whether he had better seek to cool his anger in the dusky streets or go at once to his own room. But as he stood there, irresolute, he heard Mary Irving call to him in a low tone from the upper floor.

"Richard," she said, "please come up, quickly."
"Why, Mary, I thought you must have gone to bed," he answered as he hastily ran up the stairs.
"It is not late yet. But where have you been ever since dinner? I had the lamp in the sitting-room all fixed for you. And then I heard the door of the library slam. You have not been quarreling?"

"Well, Mary," he began.
"But you know, Richard, it is not right—with your father."
"But, Mary, let me have a chance—I haven't quar-

"But you know, historic, it is a father,"
"But, Mary, let me have a chance—I haven't quarreled any. He did it all."
"Oh, how could he?"
"I hardly know; but he always does," Richard replied somewhat ruefully,
Mary laughed a little, but she went over to where Richard sat and putting her arms about his neck, she said:

said:
"We must not abuse the good old man, or be angry
with him. He and I never quarrel, you know."
"That is not fair to me, Mary. Who could quarrel
with you?"
"Thank you, Dick. No one does I believe. But
what was it all about? Tell me."

"You and me."
"Oh, Richard! You asked him alone? I thought
were to do it together. You dear, good, foolish
ellow! Well?"

we were to do it together. You dear, good, fellow! Well?"

"He does not approve. He distinctly disapproves,"

"Well, my darling, we must be patient. Think, Richard, the time will come when we shall be together in our own home forever. This is pleasant; but our own home, think of it! Am I not worth waiting for? Tell me.

"Worth waiting for?" he asked. "You are worth doing anything for. But, sweetheart, it doesn't make it any easier to do without you to think of how good you are."

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"I know, I know; but it may not be for long. But why? Does he not approve of me?" she asked archly.
"Of course he does. I did not ask him that. And he seems to approve of me too?"
"What is it then?"
"Oh, he always takes some other man's part, you know."

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"But whose is he taking now?"

"Nobody knows. I do not—he does not. But as nearly as I can make out he will not be willing that I should have you until you have seen and known a lot of men. He thinks you ought to have a choice, and not take the first who offers."

"Is that—did he say that? Now, I am angry at your father. Does he think that I can change? We know better, we know what our love means and how safe and sure it is, do we not Bichard?"

"Yes, my darling, and we know, too, that it will last for all time and forever," he answered as he kissed her good night.

"It will not be so hard to wait—and Richard," she added mischlevonsly as he was about to close the door, "is he going to bring these men here? or, must we seek them? These men I must choose from among."

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The ridiculous figure cut by Maria Jagger at the last meeting of the club, when, after valiantly asserting her intention of maintaining the independence of her sex against mankind in general, and her husband in particular, she ignominiously retreated from her position the moment her husband spoke to her, set the rest of the members thinking whether it was not likely that many of their number were similarly constituted. It was one thing to deery the male sex and its shortcomings when they were in conference together—it was quite a different affair when in the presence of their lords and masters.

Nobody had been more consistently resentful against man and his assumption of authority over woman than Mrs. Jagger. She was regarded as the most advanced champion of women's rights, she was always the loudest in her denunciation of the tyranny of the male species. Was it not therefore possible, even probable, that the majority of the most clamorous against husband-rule, were, in the privacy of their own homes, veritable slaves to their partners?

This conviction rooted itself so deeply into the minds of the younger and unmarried members of the Tattleback Tes Table Club that their faith in the leading principles of their association became considerably shaken after the Jagger episode.

The young ladies had many talks among themselves during the month. Miss Wing, Miss Hayrick, Miss Rubenstein and others held several surreptitious meetings and a revolutionary movement was started with the object of discountenancing any further attacks that might be made against the gentlemen.

When you come to think of it, there is a great difficulty in inducing young and marriageable girls to think harsh things about the men. No matter how had a fellow may be, if he is handsome the girls have an excuse ready for him. So it was really not surprising that the repeated and violent attacks on the sterner sex by their elders at the club, disquasted

Miss Hayrick, in seconding the motion, said that she thought this antagonism to the male sex was ridiculous and unwomanly, and, she also believed very hypocrit-ical.

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Several of the elder ladies were on their feet in an instant, and all wished to speak at once, but Dorothy's gavel soon restored order. She spoke herself.

"I am almost dumb," she said, "at the astounding proposition made by our worthy secretary. One of the principal objects of the club has been to maintain our rights as women, and curtail the authority of the men. To succeed we must be united.

# A DIVIDED CLUB

can effect nothing, and I trust that both Miss Wing and Miss Hayrick will wisely withdraw that absurd motion at once, and let us procead to some common sense business!"

But the two young ladies named did nothing of the kind. On the contrary they insisted on their motion being discussed or put to the meeting as to its adoption or rejection. Dorothy smilingly compiled with this request and took a vote on the resolution then and there. But to her intense astonishment and disgust, and the horror of the men haters present, the motion was carried by a vote of 61 to 27!

When the numbers became known, Dorothy turned very pale, and in a low voice announced her intension of resigning from the presidentship. This information was received in silence, which was broken by Mrs. Pullet, who also tendered her resignation as vice-president. She said that if the fundamental principle of the club was going to be abolished, she saw no reason whyshe should remain in office any longer.

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Mrs. Jones said that if there was going to be a split in the association, she would be compelled to adhere to her colleagues, and if these resignations were to be accepted, hers must be taken also.

A vote on the resignations showed exactly the same proportion of members for accepting them, and Dorothy, Maria and Selina vacated their places of honor with a great display of injured dignity.

Miss Finnigan almost immediately proposed Miss Wing to succeed Mrs. Cripps as President, and the tumultous cheering among the young people showed this to be a popular nomination. The show of hands was enough without taking a vote, so Miss Wing complacently took the chair just vacated by Dorothy. She then named Miss Hayrick as vice-president to

She then named Miss Hayrick as vice-president to succeed Mrs. Pullet, and as no other candidate was named she was declared elected. Nellie Tabbs and Miss Rubenstein were respectively chosen as secretary and treasurer.

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Meanwhile the older women were seated sullenly together at the further end of the room. The whole thing had happened so suddenly and so unexpectedly that they could scarcely realize it yet as an actual fact. Dorothy's heart was full of bitterness and resentment. She was now sorry that she had resigned. It was her duty to have stack to her post, not retreated from it. And here, after all her hard work, her tireless energy, her scheming and planning, she had lost all power in the club in a few minutes, and was now no more than an ordinary member in the organization she had founded. And, to make maters worse, the club was now in the hands of young and inexperienced girls, who hardly thought of anything else but dress and such frivolities!

While the younger members were crowding around the newly appointed officers to offer their congratulations, Mrs. Cripps, Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. Traggles, and a dozen other married women resolved to go to Mrs. Jones' house and talk the matter over amongst themselves. As they filed out of the room with their noses in the air, and an assumed look of contempt upon their faces, they reminded one of the exit of the Democratic party from power after the last election. No sooner had the door closed behind them than Bridget jumped on a form and cried out, "Three cheers for the new officers!" These were given with a will, and then Miss Wing inaugurated her presidentship as follows:

"Ladies, when, in the course of human events, (a voice, "Chestnut!") it becomes necessary for one body of people to disagree with another body of people the exercise of our constitutional right to maintain our opinions becomes a duty as well as a pleasure. We had reason to disagree with the late officials of the Tattleback Tea Table Club and a few of its members, and we have vindicated our belief by constitutional means. To tell the truth we needed a little young blood infused into the management, or we were likely to die of dry rot. Now girls, as you have elected me your president, I mean to make things hum, and don't you forget it! (loud cheers). We have got to wake up from our dreams of conquering man! If all of us can conquer and capture the one we want I guess we'll be pretty well satisfied without wanting to wear the pants after we have got him! ("hear hear!") We played a bold game to-night but we won it, and I want to thank you all for standing to your guns. Henceforth this club will be run on more liberal principles, and I wish you all to understand that on certain holiday occasions we may feel disposed to allow the presence of your swethearts!" (Loud applause.)



GOING TO WAIST

Miss Hayrick, who was received with wild cheering, said that there could be no doubt but what the club had heretofore been a kind of stumbling block in the way of a girl's matrimonial chances. The young fellows were afraid of having anything to do with young ladies who were members, because the club had gained an unenviable reputation as a school for 'women's rights' doctrines. Now, that sort of thing is all very well for old maids and cranky wives, but it is a great drawback to a young woman's future. Let us be more enlightened, more liberal minded. There isn't one among us has a hankering after being an old maid. And there are lots of young men nowadays whose efforts are going to waist, because girls—that is, good and sensible girls—are scarce. Let us show the male sex that we are worthy to be their equals and their wives, but we can do that without 'sitting on' the men, though a nice young fellow's knee ien't a bad place to sit when a girl is tired!" (laughter.)

"I believe," exclaimed Nellie Tabbs the new secretary, "I believe that this change is decidedly for the good of the club, and the benefit of the town, and for my part I should not care if the lately defeated President and her friends never returned to the club at all. Their ideas are too rigid for us girls, and if 1—"
"Begorrah Miss Wing, I have it!" shouted Bridget with a smile. "But I have an idea that bates the divil himself!"
"Have what Bridget—the grip?" asked one.
"Nayther, if you please!" replied Bridget with a smile. "But I have an idea that bates the divil himself!"

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"Well, what is it, Bridget? let us hear it," said Miss Wing impatiently.

"We've bin schamin' and striving for the lasht six months to close the dhrinking club up the shtreet," continued Bridget, "but even with the law on our side, the divil a ha'forth did we succeed. But bedad, I think? know how to close that club up."

"How Bridget?"

"They coaxin', not drivin'!"

"What do you mean?"

"I mane that if the girls here would only make a practice of inviting the young fellows to this club for a dance or a jig, or a bit of fun, shure they'd desart the other place in crowds and it would bust up for want of customers. Give any dacent young man his choice of a pretty girl's company or a glass of whisky, and see how quick he'll grab a bould of her!"

"An excellent suggestion Bridget!" said Miss Wing, "and one worth experimenting upon. At any rate we will consider it before the next meeting, And now, Miss Finnigan, if we can depend upon your good offices for a cup of tea, and something to eat, we will adjourn to the supper room and talk about the latest Paris fashions!"

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Can never find, although they seek,
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Nor ever shall, until they lean
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Here is a letter from one who, though afflicted, is still living in the sunshine.

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Dear Aunt Minerva and the many cousin readers of COMFORT:—I wish you all a happy, pleasant goodmorning, with God's love and sunshine around you; but should any one of you feel the burden of this life heavy, then remember the dear Saviour's many promises to His children; one is, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." I doubt not if we could see with a spiritual eye, how often we could see the angels smiling upon us and watching over us in our trials through this life. I live on the beautiful prairies in Nebraska, where there are more sunshiny days than anywhere I have ever lived, and oh, how comforting it is to live a life of sunshine, patience and contentment, and to put our trust in God, who can deliver us out of all tribulation. I thank you dear Aunty, for the many comforting and encouraging words that you give us sorely afflicted ones. I am also a helpiess one, for years I have not been able to help myself or turn over in bed, but I know that these light afflictions will work out for us a far greater and exceeding weight of glory that the good Lord will give all the faithful, and they shall dwell in His mansions in Heaven forever and ever.

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"To those who have kindly taken the trouble to write me that my letter in December Comport had been a source of pleasure. I away that the proper of the comport of the composition of the composit things to enjoy, the soul-stirring works of our great novelists, the merry quips of our humorists (God bless them! I believe they have saved many a soul from despair); and I cannot see that we do Him any special service by neglecting them for a constant study of religious writings which are but human and fallible after all. So that we do not neglect His Word, I believe that He means for us to enjoy "what word, I believe that He means for us to enjoy "what soever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely," in the realm of books, as everywhere else in His world.

"If want to sav a few words in regard to the letter of

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"Just as God leads me, I would go;
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"Just as God leads me, I would go; I would not ask to choose my way; Content with what He will bestow, Assured He will not let me stray. So as He leads, my path I make, And step by step I gladly take, A child in Him confiding."

Dear Aunt:—Will you let me come in to this corner and have a talk with the dear friends of your band? I want to thank some unknown triend for the dollar seat me. Teel more grateful than I can say, and also to Aunt and the kind editor for printing my letters. Comport is indeed a comfort to us poor weary ones. I nour column 1. shall dock into the sick rooms, and whisper the precious name of Jesus. Let us take everything to Jesus in prayer, for He is pittiful and full of tender mercy, and will help us bear our burden if we love and serve Him. When I first wrote to Comport, I felt so sad and cast down. My health is no better, yet I feel better, I get so many kind letters and other tokens of love to cheer me. With love and kind wishes to all. Mrs. S. A. Teague, Empire, Ky. Blessings on the kind hearts who are thus cheering

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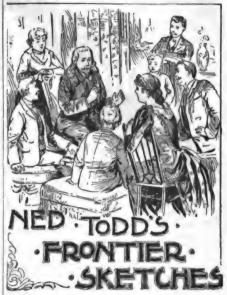


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"Yes, yes the Benders, the Benders, 'put in everybody, "Let us hear of them."

"Well, they were such a terrible gang that I doubt if Miss Winnie Dawson would care to hear of them," put in Ned Todd.

"Oh, yes, I like the terrible," said Winnie.

"How many were there of them in family?" Jack Royal saked.

"Well, there were four and a precious family they were indeed," said Ned Todd, who was filling his pipe once more. "I sometimes don't know which member of that family was worst, the old man John, Kate or her mother. I can't recount all their many adventures, so you will have to be content with but one or two. Let me see. Well, Dick Rhodes had an adventure which is about as good as any and I will tell that to you. You see Bhodes was a dashing cowboy and a pretty good looking fellow. He was daring as a lion, and being a very economical fellow had saved considerable money. He was going across the State of Kansas once and being belated came upon a large stone house which stood alone on the prairie. There was no other house within thirty miles and this house was the home of the Benders. It had been built by them for the purpose of making it a muirderers den.

"A storm was coming on. Dense clouds overcast the skies and the winds rose and thunder rolled along the horison. The house afforded the only shelter and Dick rode up to it and asked to be accommodated for the night. An old man came out and called to a young man, a low framed fellow, dark skinned and terrible as his father. On entering Dick saw at tall, dark skinned girl about twenty years old. She gazed at him somewhat strangely and after a few moments left the room.

"These people seemed very grum and no one talked save the old man and he merely answered questions, sitting for most of the time in a corner smoking his pipe with his eyes on the floor. Once Dick saw the sharp

while the old folks were in the front room and her brother who was called John was out of the house she said in a whisper:

"Don't stay here."

"On't stay here."

"Their is the Benders' house."

"Why?"

"This is the Benders' house."

"Who are you?"

"Kate Bender."

"Then she pointed to the curtain and to the axe and whispered:

"When you go to the other room you'll be asked to sit down, your back to the curtain. John will be on this side with the axe and he will see you through it. He will strike you on the head, you'll be robbed and put into the grave in the garden."

"Well, Dick Rhodes was not a coward, but he says he felt his blood run cold. He finished his supper though and went into the other room.

"As Kate had predicted a chair against the curtain was ready for him and the old man asked him to sit down. But Dick didn't do it. He had his levolvers at his belt, and was strongly tempted two or three times to pull one and kill the old man.

"Take this chair, said old Bender.

"Do sit down there yourself, I would rather stand."

"A candle was burning in the front part of the curtain and all was dark behind. White Dick was still undecided what to do and actually trembling in his boots, he heard a shriek from behind the curtain. "Tearing it away he saw John Bender choking his sister Kate. The axe lay at his feet.

"Wot yer doin' that for, John? cried the old man.

"She told 'im, she told 'im,' John cried. 'I see he tell 'im.'

The old man ran to get his gun and finish the stranger, but Dick Rhodes covered him with his revolver and made him lay it down.

"Although it was raining as hard as it could pour he went and saddled his horse and rode away across he prairie, preferring a storm on the plains to such shelter. Three weeks after this the Bender gang was broken up. John and his father were lynched, the old woman and Kate sesaped. In the garden were found thirteen graves of victims they had slain. Why Kate Bender spared Dick Rhodes is a mystery to everyone. She was never known to spare anyone cise.

"But young

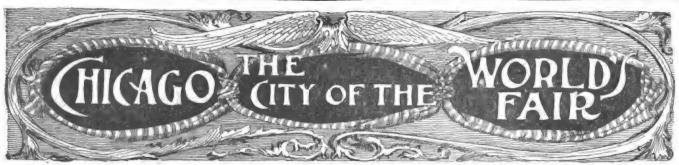
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They did not fail to appreciate then the importance and probable value of the occasion given them; and they prepared for the fair, having secured it from Congress and the National Government, with enthusiasm and skill. Above all they prepared for a big thing. Chicago is a big city and they do things there in a big way

The Paris Exposition of a few years ago was the largest exhibition ever held until now and

the most complete exposition of the progress of the world. But whereas in Paris the Exposition covered a total space of one hundred and seventythree acres the Columbian Exposition will cover four times as much. There will be no lack of room for the machinery, the beautiful or useful specimens of manufactured goods, the food products, the live stock, the minerals, the paintings or statuary, or whatmay be sent, under the rules, by native or foreign exhibitors. All has been planned or arranged for on a large scale. Altogether there will be twelve large buildings designed by the leading architects of the country in which will be most of the exhibits duly classified and arranged. Besides these there will be innumerable other buildings specially erected by the National Government, the various States and by foreign nations. It is promised that Mexico will erect a reproduction of an Aztec palace; Guatemala will show a model of an ancient palace, and Ecuador will erect as she did in Paris a copy of her famous Temple of the Sun. Europe will do as well, while England is likely to have as its main building a reproduction of one of its famous palaces or houses, designed to illustrate typical English architecture. It may be that this will be a fac-simile of Sandringham, one of the seats of the Prince of Wales.

The main building of the Exposition will be an enormous structure. It will be 1688 by 788 feet. A walk around it will be a mile long. Its arched roof will be three-fourths as high as the dome of the National Capitol at Washington, while, exclusive of the dome, two such buildings as the Capitol could be placed within it. Bigness is characteristic of Chicago enterprises, and bigness will be the leading characteristic of the fair. The very earnestness, not to say bitterness, with which the contest for the possession of the exhibition was conducted among the rival American cities no doubt helped to the success of the affair. The citizens of Chicago became determined to show that they did not deserve the slurs cast upon them; they were and are determined to prove that they can do some things as well if not better than some others.

But great as will be the Exhibition itself the many visitors to Chicago next year will find the Exhibition located in a wonderful city. Its
size and importance, its wealth and its vast | marked improvements that have taken place | The total area burned was 2,124 acres or nearly

Where now there is a city of a million and a quarter about of inhabitants there were only a little more than fifty years ago a fort at the mouth of the Chicago River and a port for trading with the Indians! Where now there is a city teeming with active, busy, pushing people, where there are beautiful homes and office buildings whose lofty towers almost pierce the clouds there was then an unbroken prairie.

# CHICAGO IN ITS EARLY DAYS.

The city is second only to New York in the United States in size and commercial importance-by size I mean in population for it covers more ground than all Manhattan Island. It is situated on the west side but down near the southern end of Lake Michigan, one of the great inland seas of America. When the city was originally settled although it was six hundred feet above the level of the sea it was only seven feet higher than the surface of the lake, but as long ago as 1855 it was raised seven feet

more or to fourteen feet above the lake. The streets were filled in and the houses were raised by means of jack-screws. The buildings were raised without interfering with their uses either for living or business. That is a way they have in Chicago. While our illustrations on this page, outside of a few sketches, show more The Chicago of to-day, we have collected a group of photographic sketches [see page 14] of this great city in 1856, when the whole surface was being raised seven or eight feet, the streets being so muddy (where are now located the finest buildings) that planks were laid across to keep horses from going entirely out of sight. Although pedestrians were bespattered with mire when in the vicinity of passing drays. As soon as one building was raised the sidewalk had to be built up to a corresponding height, which left that in front of the adjoining one much below it, so it was a hard road to travel in those days to get along the streets of Chicago. The great crowds that had to single file up to the post-office on the narrow plank at an upgrade would certainly appreciate the the next day, destroying great blocks of houses.

twenty millions of dollars have been planned. In 1837 when was taken the first cenus of the city, the city had a population of only 4,170. It grew with wonderful rapidity even from the beginning, and in 1865 after the war it had a population of 178,492, and in 1871 the year of the fire, over 300,000. It was only after the war that Chicago become important in business and as a centre of great commercial enterprises. Then came the great fire.

### THE GREAT FIRE.

does all things in a big way, to have the largest and most destructive fire of modern times. The fire was commenced by the overturning of a lamp in a district where the buildings were almost all of wood. It has never been proven that the fire was due to the misbehavior of a refractory cow in a stable; but that is the story which has been told and retold again. At all events, the fire began about nine o'clock in the evening of Sunday, October 8, 1871. It burned all through that night and the greater part of

It was like Chicago, which as I have said

last under the careful and honest administration of a society of citizens until 1876. Temporary homes were provided for nearly 40,000 people; barracks and shelter houses were erected, workmen were supplied with tools and women with sewing machines. The season that year in Chicago had been very dry, and there was a strong southwest wind during the fire. The fire department although large and efficient was unable to stop the progress of the flames, and finally they were checked by blowing up whole rows of buildings in the line of the flames. The work of rebuilding the city was begun

before the cinders were cold. The most sanguine predicted that it would take at least ten years to restore the buildings that were destroyed; but within three years the city had buildings equal in capacity and twice as valua-

The fire, indeed, seemed to be a blessing to the city at large. The population gained stronger ambition and greater energy. The citizens would not be beaten. They learned the old truth that energy is more useful, more profitable than wealth. Regulations were adopted forbidding the erection of buildings other than those of stone, or brick or iron. The consequence of the fire, of the necessary rebuilding and of the restrictions has been to make Chicago now the most beautiful of modern cities in its business district.

Within the first year after the fire new buildings were erected or started costing when finished over \$40,000,000. And the work of building has gone on ever since. And such buildings as they erect!

SOME GREAT BUILDINGS AND BOULEVARDS.

There is the custom-house and postoffice mammoth buildings of granite; the Board of

Trade building also of granite, with tall pillars supporting a carved cornice. Down by the river is the great brown-stone building of Marshall Field & Co. covering a whole block, and looking like a fortress well fitted to resist the attack of the elements or of any mob. There is the Tacoma office-building a tall graceful structure, the Rookery-queer name that!-to mention only two of perhaps two dozen of the enormous office buildings in the centre of the business district. And these office-buildings although so enormous are beautiful and well planned. They have elevators which raise one with almost express speed to their highest floors, or drop him safely to the lowest. They contain all the improvements for the comfort or convenience of their tenants which the ingenuity of man has been able to devise. So various are the occupa-

or convenience of their tenants which the ingenuity of man has been able to devise. So various are the occupations of their tenants that one choosing to have a bed in his office, need never leave the walls of the building what with their barber tenants, their tailors and shoemakers and restaurants. One of these great buildings has a daily population of 40,000 and on one day, by actual count, its elevators were used by 20,000 people. These buildings are all tall, some of them having from sixteen to twenty stories, while the new Masonic building, just completed, has twenty-one. There are other buildings, too, of which Chicago may be proud and will interest its visitors. There are great hotels and fine theatres and churches. The Auditorium is a great structure of granite with heavy walls occupying half a block, and, on one side, facing Lake Michigan. It contains a hotel, a theatre and a vast audience hall—a hall well adapted for the holding of great political conventions. It has a tower, too, from which one can look down upon the city or far out over the green waters of the lake. And this Auditorium is a monument to the love and admiration of the citizens of Chicago for their city, of their faith in it and of their public spirit. The city needed such a building, especially the large assembly room, and they raised the money and built it with but little reason to hope that they would receive any adequate return upon their money for many years to come.

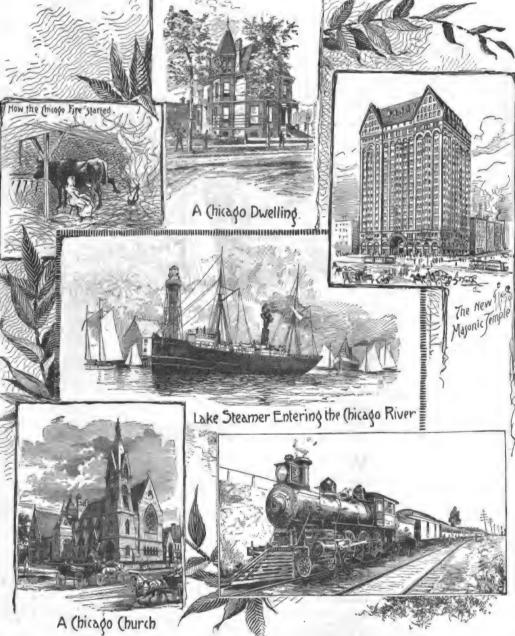
Then along the sides of the wide handsome boulevards which run from the center of the city out, south and north to its extremities, are handsome substantial stone villas each with a more or less large plot of ground about it, the tateful homes of the wealthy. Smaller homes there are in plenty. One sees few apartment houses for Chicago covers so much ground, that it has not been found necessary to crowd many families under one roof as must be done in New York where growth is restricted by the natural boundaries of the surrounding rivers.

There are thirty-five lines of

that there are 1,856 acres set aside by Chicago for public grounds.

The public officials have appropriated three and a half million dollars for beautifying and improving the city and to put it into readiness for the Exhibition.

It is a young and busy city; its people are hustling: but it is a great and beautiful city. It has splendid public schools, libraries, hospitals, storehouses, galleries and theatres. The millions who will be drawn thither by the fair will find the city itself a valuable and an impressive exhibit. It is worth examination and study for its own sake, and if those who see what it is will but remember how young it is, and that its oldest inhabitants have scarcely had time to grow old, they will find it a most wonderful example of American energy, of American taste and of American enterprise.



business interests will show the slower-going the last thirty years. Although the cows that 31-3 square miles—a district about four miles people of the old world what can be accom-plished in America in a few years. Think of it! St. might not thank the men who have for-Wooden buildings were scattered throughout warded the modern march of improvements, but whatever happens business goes on and people forward their interests resistless energy. The streets are broad and straight and intersect each other at right angles. The Chicago River, an inlet of the lake, cuts the city in three parts. This river has always been a difficult problem. Into it the city sewerage empties. Originally it emptied into the lake: but a remarkable piece of engineering changed its course. canal was deepened so as to draw its water into the Illinois River, thence to run into the mighty Mississippi—at least this was the design; but the work was not altogether successful for now with the wind in certain quarters it still flows into the lake. As the drinking water of the city is drawn from the lake, being pumped from stations about two miles out, care must be taken that the water be not contaminated No harm from that source has yet been caused; and important improvements, to cost about

the entire city and these aided in spreading the conflagration. The total number of buildings burned was 1,745 and 98,860 people lost their homes while two hundred and fifty died in the flames or from exposure. Thousands sought safety in the lake and stood there for hours so escaping from the intense heat and the shower of sparks and cinders. Among the buildings destroyed were the custom-house, post-office. court-house, chamber of commerce, and nearly all the churches, railway depots, hotels, banks theatres and newspaper offices. It was estimated that seventy-three miles frontage of streets was burned over, and that the total loss was \$196,000,000. A system of relief was at once organized and the money contributions from the various States and from abroad were nearly five millions of dollars. On the losses there was an insurance of over \$88,000,000; but only about half of this was recovered. The relief funds which were over and above contributions of food, clothing and supplies were made to





MY DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS:

It gives me such pleasure to look upon so many bright faces that belong to my great family, that I am content to be placed over in this out of the way corner in order that you may all catch a glimpse of each other the first thing as you unfold your COMPORTS this month, and thus be at home with each other. The Editor says it required a large amount of work to reduce and redraw all the pictures from the photos sent in, and of course as it is only a part could be found place for on one page, and the baisnee will have to follow at a later day. To say that I am a proud Auntie would hardly express my pleasure this month, and only hope we may all have the privilege of meeting the originals at the World's Fair Reunion. One thing I am very sorry about, however, and that is that the many excellent letters that came with the photographs have had to be condensed so much, they all contained beautiful thoughts and expressions which had to be clipped out for want of space. And now let you hear briefly from each one, have arranged them to come in rotation, Miss Bose being the first picture top of left hand column of pictorial page the other pictures following across the page to the right column.

Our number, name and now de plumes.

Our number, name and nom de plumes, And nameless other graces,

In Comport's columns have appeared,

Aurora dear, fair Sallie Stark, Join with us in this hour, Come hither now and launch your barque, Also our Kansas Flower.

This is a page quite free to all In this broad land of ours, Here we all meet in "cousins hall" And chat away the hours.

From flower lands to frosty clime Our mutual love is blended, And here we spend such pleasant times We're sorry when it's ended.

From East and West we gather here From o'er all this happy land, With Aunt Minerva in the chair And the Owls complete the band.

We talk of temperance, home and grace, Our History Club we merslon, We stare Wild Billy in the face, He takes so much attention.

Kind words and letters, essays, too, We find on every hand. Small gifts, obecring words, and friendship true Encircle our "Shut In" band.

Encircle our "Shut In" band.

We wish Godspeed to all good things,
To every thought and deed,
And wish that we could Comfort bring
To every one in need.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I enjoy your paper very much
as well as the letters I receive from the cousins. It
live in the country but it is very beautiful here, being surrounded by mountains and watered by a silvery stream called Silver Creek. We have many
summer visitors in this natural park. Wishing you
success for the coming year, I remain a friend of
COMFORT.

Bilver Creek, Ottawa Co., Province Quebec, Can.
Dear Aunt:—I send my picture for the pictorial

Silver Creek, Ottawa Co., Province Quebec, Can.
Dear Aunt:—I send my picture for the pictorial
page. I am a crank, so mama tells me, on the subject of music, but I am so fond of music in any form.
I play several different instruments among them the
cornet. I would like to ask how many of the girl
cousins play the latter. I like it the best of any instrument.

Fannie A. Goodnow, White Pigeon, Mich.
Dear Aunt Minerya:—I have long been a silver of

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I have long been a silent admirer and reader of the cousins' chats and I will now come if I may and get acquainted. Pedagogue, I wish to shake hands with you. I think you deserve a medal. Sadie dear, I want to soold you just the least little mite for the way you rated Wild Bill. Should be pleased to hear from any of the cousins.

KATHIE SINCLAIR, Columbia Falls, Maine.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—Will you accept another nephew from New York State. I live in Auburn, a city of 26,000 inhabitants. It contains the State Prison and the State Asylum. The prison has over 300 convicts. The first time I ever saw COMPORT I was so taken with it that I never got over it. Wishing all a pleasant winter, I remain,

HARRY B. WEBB, 124 So. Division St.

HARRY B. WHER, 124 So. Division St.

Dear Aunt Minerva and Cousins:—I have for several
years read this department with interest and have
many times wished to join your happy band. I live
in Madison Co. near Lake Madison, which has been
designated as the place for holding the Chautauquan
Assembly and Summer School. The scenery about
the lake is especially fine and I hope to meet many of
the cousins there next summer, and many more with
Aunt Minerva at the World's Pair.

CAREY W. SMITH, Madison, South Dakota.

"I subscribed for COMPORT

RET W. SMITH, Madison, South Dakota.

"I subscribed for COMPORT
Because I thought it bright,
To read the cousins' letters
Has been my great delight.
Enclosed within this letter
I will my photo send,
But you may keep it, Auntie,
For I have one to lend.
And now I'll say adieu
Until some later day,
But pray do not forget
Your cousin LIDA MAY,
Betrice, Gage Co., Neb."

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"I must say if we follow the advice in the letters we will never regret it in after years. At some future time I will give you a sketch of the great North West.

G. G. Bells, Harrisburgh, Oregon."

West. G. G. Belles, Harrisburgh, Oregon."

Dear Aunt Minerwa:—Comfort comes to me a most welcome visitor every month. I take a few refined papers to cheer my ionely life, but none are so dear to me as Comfort. Please ask the Editor to let us have a household page. I have been a cripple ever since I was a year and a half old caused by scarlet fever, and have never walked without crutches since. Will some one please send me the rules and regulations of the King's Daughters?

MES. A. MAYNARD,

426 Bald Eagle St., Lock Haven, Pa.

"We not only take Comport but have a comfort of my own as you will see by my photo. I think the column is very entertaining and instructive.

Mrs. Delanner, Dundas, Minn."

Dear Aunt Minerva and Comport Friends:—I have been reading Comport for two years and think a single copy worth a year's subscription price. I live in Kentucky and my father is a farmer and I like farming very much. I like to correspond with the Comport cousins and think that there can be no harm in it even if they are unknown to me.

W. B. Harris, Morrill, Ky.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I read the cousins' letters in Comport every month and find them very interesting as well as instructive. I was born in Norwich, England, 150 miles northeast of London. In 1876 left Victoria Docks London for America and had avery rough passage, taking 17 days. We went to Philadelphia and visited the Centennial Exhibition then in Drogress, where I saw much to interest me. Adaptation

going to Crawfordsville, Ind., and Hastings, Neb., we moved to this place where we have lived ever since. Hoping the sick cousins are all improving, I remain respectfully, HERBERT TILNEY, Marysville, Kaus.

Tespectruity, HERBRET TILNEY, Marysville, Kans.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I have been away from home since last October on account of my health, but I am now partly able to resume my neglected studies. Cousins! let us remember "Judge not lest ye be judged"—learn to be charitable. If we can see no way of giving a helping hand let us not aid in putting down a fellow mortal.

Oh! to know the worth of living,

To be earnest in the strife,

Living grandly, nobly, truly,

Making sweeter, better life.

Sincerely, MAUD L. CLARK, Galesburgh, Mich.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—Although it is a whole year since I wrote you I have never forgotten you and am always interested in the cousins' letters in COMPORT each month. My father is the postmaster here and I am the assistant. We live about 30 miles from the city of Ottawa, in the land of ice and snow and have grand times skating, sliding and toboganning. Would like to hear from all the cousins.

ELSPY M. Ross, Silver Creek, Quebec.

Aunt Minerva:—I have been a reader of Comport for the past two years and cannot but say that it has been a very beneficial paper to me. So plesse consider me a nephew. I think the corresponding department a grand thing indeed. Long may a paper prosper that has such able workers. With best wishes to my cousins, I remain,

F. W. HALL, Box 46, Cordelia, Pa.

Dear Auntie:—Your corner looks so inviting and the cousins' letters are so inviting that I want you to claim me as one of your nephews. I have been a reader of COMFORT for over a year and can hardly wait until it comes each month. Here is my photograph. JOHN A. ZEPP, Melrose, Carroll Co., Md. Dear Aunt and COMFORT Cousins:—We are but travellers over the old yet ever new road of life and the journey is what we make it. So then let us strive to brighten with the glorious sunshine of happiness, not only our own paths but the paths of those who are near and dear to us.

C. LIZZIE ECKERT, Box 828, Hastings, Minn.

Dear Aunt Minerwa:—I am knocking for admittance.

C. LIZZIE ECKERT, Box 828, Hastings, Minn.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I am knocking for admittance. I think COMFORT an exceedingly nice paper and it is a comfort to me to read in it the chats of the many rousins. I have been a subscriber a year and I assure you I have derived more than 26 cents' worth of benefit from it. COAR RUNDLE, Montesuma, Iowa.

Dear Aunt:—I send you my photo as you requested. I enjoy COMFORT and the chats with the nices and nephews. Ross G. TURNER, Fountain Park, Ohio.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I think the Editor is so kind allow us to come together with the cousins through the medium of Aunt Minerva and the Owls, but as we are to have so grand a coming together of faces space will be above par. Godspeed to COMFORT and all the cousins. J. O. HIRETAN, Pleasantville, Ohio.

Mrs. Chas. S. Hubbard, Ottawa, Ill., writes that she

Mrs. Chas. S. Hubbard, Ottawa, Ill., writes that she is Secretary of the local W. C. T. U. and an active worker in the Epworth League. She was awarded one of the prizes in the Essay Club. Mr. and Mrs. H. both say they enjoy Comport very much and this department in particular.

partment in particular.

Dear Aunt and Cousins:—I enjoy every part of Comport, but this department especially. I am glad to come into this cozy corner and greet you. I like the idea of a pictorial page and send my photo. Wy home is situated near the city of Bloomington, which contains about 30,000 inhabitants. May good luck attend you. Kittie Arnfield, Bloomington, Ill.

tend you. KITTIE ARNFIELD, Bloomington, Ill.
"I send you my photo to be used in the group of
cousins and would give the price of a year's subseription for the illustrated issue. Give my sympathy to the afflicted and 'Shut Ins.' I would say to
them to bear their burdens bravely remembering Him
who said, 'Come unto me all yewho are weak and
beavy laden and I will give you rest.' What a
glorious assurance from Him who is able to fulfill all
promises. My love to Aunt and all the cousins.

DANIEL B. OSBORNE, Coelleds, Missouri.

Dear Aunt:—I want to join the band of loving

Dear Aunt:—I want to join the band of loving cousins. I am 10 years old and go to school. I read Comport overy night to mams and she explains what I cannot understand and tells me "where there is a will there's a way." With love to all and a bushel and a peck and a hug on the neck for Auntie, I will close.

PHARL WEEB, Louisville, Miss.

and a peck and a nug on the neck loc running water close.

Desar Annt Minstra:—I have been a Compour subscriber for two-years and have often wanted to join the constant.

Desar Annt Minstra:—I have been a Compour subscriber for two-years and have often wanted to join the constant was soon to see their faces I could wait no longer. I am a milliner and support myself and think it very nice to be independent.

Lenora Marrin,

209 Broad St., Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt and Cousins:—I have been taking Compour since Feb. 1899 and I feel that I could not do without it, for if I should quit taking Compour I should lose much comfort. I am an expedagogue and now do considerable work in the County Clerk's office, and am also a reporter for one of our city dailies.

Pears M. Beventy, Clintwood, Va.

Dear Aunt:—We all enjoy Compour very much and

dallies. PEANE M. BEVERLY, Clintwood, Va.

Dear Aunt:—We all enjoy Comport very much and the improvement in the past two years has pleased us. Each month we watch eagerly for its coming that we may read the new social and novel features with which it is filled, and, which make it the best and most attractive paper in the U.S. I am a farmer's boy but have been visiting in the city of Waco and will return there in a few days to attend a business college. I play on four different musical instruments and wish I could entertain you all.

OTTO H. FISHER, Giddings, Lee Co., Texas.

Dear Aunt:—I am a bachelor and a Florida Cracker of the purest type. Girls, don't you pity me? I live in a large orange grove near numerous lakes whose clear waters are filled with fine fish and large alligators. If you have ever seen an orange grove in blossom you will agree that nothing can equal its beauty.

FLORIDA CRACKER, Umatila, Fla.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I have never read a letter.

beauty. FLORIDA CRACKER, Umatila, Fis.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I have never read a letter
from this section and I am coming to shake hands
with the cousins (provided). I would like to shake
hands with Nellie and I think Pedagogue voices my
sentiments. I would like very much to help Mrs.

James but her address was not given with the letter.
If you will tell me what it is I will send her what she
needs I. H. N. With love to all I bid you adieu.

MINNIE BAUGH, Maysville, Gs.

MINNIE BAUGH, Maysville, Ga.

Dear Aunt Minerva and Cousins:—I have been an ardent reader of Comport for a long time and now I must express my feelings. What a comfort it is to have so many dear cousins and such a noble, kind and generous Aunt to meet us with anxious greeting and smile of welcome. I take a great many papers but think Comport best of all, and a comfort it proves to be when I read and re-read its precious contents and think how many hearts in all parts of the world are cheered by its numerous interesting topics. None are forasken but all are cordially invited to take place in its columns.

JENNIE GOWAN, Wellington, Abbeville Co., S. C.
Dear Aunt:—This section of the Long Star State

Dear Aunt:—This section of the Lone Star State has a fine climate. We enjoy the sea breezes in summer and in winter hunt the game which abounds. I am a 15 year old nephew studying Pitman's system of phonography and enjoy it much. I am in favor of organizing a Comfort Ald Society for the young folks. Would like to correspond with the cousins.

PAYNE FINDLAY, Mineral City, Bee Co., Texas.

Dear Aunt Mineya:—Will you welcome a piece.

PATNE FINDLAY, Mineral City, Bee Co., Texas.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—Will you welcome a niece
from Colorado who has been a silent admirer of ComFORT for some time. I take a number of papers but
enjoy Comport more than all the rest. I am 19 years
old and live on a ranch in the beautiful San Louis
Valley, and enjoy very much the view of the snow
covered mountains we can get from here.

MARY B. NICHOLSON.

"I am a nephew.
I am a constant reader of COMPORT.
I am one of those Brawny Fisted Farmers.
I thank the Lord for giving me health all the days

I tank the Lord for giving me health all the days of my life.

I am a member of the Baptist Church.

I was brought up in the Sunday-school.

I like to go to see the bright faces of the boys and

Aris.

I like the boys (but).

I could not begin to tell you how much.

I love the dear sweet girls for

I want my life to be pure like theirs.

I think if

I think if
I did not love them
I should go wild and die in the woods.

Dear Aunt:—I reside with a widowed mother in a secluded home in the Sunny South, where Spring wears her mantle of glory and Aunmn her robe of purple. Comport is my favorite paper and my books, birds and flowers are not only my associates but my friends, for in them I place implicit confidence. The wild birds I have tamed and made my pets, but I do not cage them and I wish the cousins could see them answer my call with their chorus of merry voices, and flock from their forest homes to eat the crumbs I throw to them.

SUEANNO LEE PORTER, Selman, Fla.

Dear Auntic:—I send you my picture which papa had taken one day when I was out playing with my dusky companions down here in Florida. I like living here very much and take comfort among the flowers and oranges.

Now with best wishes and many thanks to you all for the pleasure of a look at your faces we will close the column and think of some new feature to keep this department ever fresh and interesting for us all, but would remind each and every one that now would be a good time to send the publishers a renewal of your subscription, do not send money to me as that department is entirely separate from mine and would occasion you great delay.

With kind regards,

AUNT MINERVA,
(Care of COMPORT.)

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GRANDMOTHER'S PLAN.

When Papa and Mama and dear Aunt Sue Have all read Comfort through and through. Then Grandmother takes it; she waits till the last, Because, as she tells, she cannot read fast, And besides, she declares, it's a much better plan To make Comfort last just as long as you can; So she reads a bit now and she reads a bit then, Sometimes to her grandchildren, Hetty and Ben, Who agree that the hour spent with Comfort and her Is the happiest one in the whole twenty-four.

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DEAR COUSINS:

Have you forgotten the rule of our department, which is to help one another? Among the new subscribers which Comport is gaining all the time, there must be many young house-keepers who are needing so much the help and advice of the older and more experienced ones; and will you not give it to them? Send not only recipes for cooking, but hints and suggestions about all kinds of housework; not something which you have read in a newspaper, and think that perhaps it might be good, but something which you have ried yourself, and found to be really useful and helpful. If we cannot make our column profitable and interesting, the Editor will certainly drop it; and then I am sure you would be sorrry. Please remember about writing on one side of the paper only.

only. Now for the recipes.

Consin Ceres:—May I come in just a moment with a few recipes and a request? First I will give a recipe for

MOUNTAIN CAKE.

2 cups sugar, 1 cup butter, 1 cup sweet milk, 6 eggs (beaten separately), 4 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon soda. Flavor 15 in a cup suit taste.

to suit taste.

It is rather early for pickling receipts, but I
would like for some of the cousins to try my
recipe this summer for making

sweet pickled peaches.

Select late peaches, peel them, or rub them with damp cloth; put a quart of vinegar in a kettle and add 2 pounds of sugar, an ounce each of cinnamon and mace, and 1-2 ounce of ginger and cloves. Let boil and drop in the peaches (5 pounds to the quart of vinegar). Let them scald, take up, put in a jar and pour the syrup, boiling hot, over them. Drain off, heat and pour over the peaches for 9 days.

Hoping that some of the cousins will give a recipe for Crab Apple Preserves, I will go.

M. L. M.

"I have tried so many nice recipes from your column, that I feel I ought to return the favor by sending a recipe that may help some one.

by sending a recipe that may help some one.

YEAST FOR BREAD.

4 common sized potatoes, cooked and mashed,
1 cup of sugar and 2 tablespoonfuls of salt, to
1-2 gallon of warm water. While you are cooking your potatoes, put 1 dry yeast cake in a little warm water to soak. Stir the whole well together and set in a warm place for 24 hours.
After your yeast comes once, you need not add the yoast cake, the yeast will be good without, and if set in a cool place after it comes (which you can tell by little bubbles rising to the top yeary tast, making a hissing sound) will keep 2

OF 8 weeks.

Will some cousin of Comfort please send a recipe for making crackers such as you buy?

It will be a great favor to me indeed.

ROSA NELL.

JELLY CAKE.

Bugar 1 cup, butter size of an egg, sour milk 2-3 cup, 2 eggs, flour 2 cups, soda 1-2 teaspoonful; bake.

Bugar I cup, molasses 2-3 cup, 1-2 cup butter, 1 cup raisins, cloves, cinnamon and allspice 1 tablespoonful, coffee 2-3 cup, soda 1 teaspoonful; dissolve the soda in a little warm water; 3 eggs, beat the eggs light.

Graham flour I quart, 1 egg well beaten, butter 1 tablespoonful, melted, a little salt, dissolve the soda in a cup of sour milk and stir it with more sour milk, sufficient to make a stiff batter. The gem pans being warm, dip the batter in to half fill them.

MAGGIE E. NELSON, Triumph, Ills.

"Perhaps I should not occupy space when it

"Perhaps I should not occupy space when it could be used to better advantage, but nevertheless would like to step in a moment. Will give recipe for

EXCELLENT CAKE.

2 cups of sugar, 3 eggs beaten well, a little over 1-2 cup butter or lard, then add 1-2 cup sweet milk, (beat the lard to a cream.) Mix 2 heaping teaspoonfuls of good baking powder into 21-2 cups sifted flour. Vanilla flavoring. Bake in 3 layers.

Miss L. G. GRAMM.

A FEW HINTS.

Stale lard can be made sweet by bringing to a boil with slices of raw potatoes thrown in. Impurities will rise and can be skimmed off.

Oilciths should never be washed in hot soap suds; they should first be washed with cold water, then rubbed dry with a cloth wet in milk.

milk.

Ink stains soaked in milk and wet with lemon juice may be removed.

Iron rust may be removed by mixing salt with lemon juice, or wetting salt with hot vitrol.

D. G. B., Warwick, Ala."

The ink stains must be placed in the hot sun after applying the lemon juice and salt.

Dear Cousin Ceres:—I will send you some tested recipes, which I hope will find a place in your column of our dear little Comfort.

Beat 1-2 a cup of sugar and 1-4 of a cup of butter well together, then add the yolks of 2 eggs well beaten, then a cup of milk, 21-2 cups of flour, with 2 tablespoonfuls of baking powder sifted in it, and lastly the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Beat together thoroughly; bake in a moderate oven. Serve hot with sauce. COTTAGE PUDDING.

HASHED POTATO.

Cut some cold boiled potatoes into small dice, butter a shallow baking dish, put in the potatoes about 1-2 an inch deep, aprinkle with pepper, salt and bits of butter, pour enough milk to cover them all over and bake in a brisk over till units brown.

milk to cover them all over any over till quite brown.

Have any of the cousins any good recipes for buckwheat cakes' that is, without yeast.

Your loving cousin, Anna B.

Your loving cousin,

COFFEE CAKE.

I cup sugar, I cup butter, I egg and I cup molasses well mixed together; then add I cup strong cold cofee, 3 or 4 cups of flour. Some flour requires more moisture than others, so that the quantity may have to be varied to make batter of a proper consistency. If baking powder is used, I teaspoonful for each cup of flour, or if soda is preferred, I teaspoonful for the total amount of flour csed; I cup raisins seeded and chopped, I cup currants washed and dried, I teaspoonful each of ground cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg; the

raisins and currants should be rolled in flow to keep them from settling to the bottom. M. E. F.

Here are some good recipes from a Canadian

2 eggs, I cup sugar, 1-2 cup butter, 1-2 cup milk, a little nutmeg, I teaspoon of soda and 2 of cream tartar, flour to make a good dough. Cut in patterns and fry.

2 cups molasses, I cup sugar, I cup lard and butter, I 1-2 tablespoons ginger, a little salt. Mix all these ingredients together, put over fire and let come to a boil. When cool, add 3-4 teaspoon soda, and flour to make a stiff dough. Knead, roll very thin.

CHOCOLATE CANDY.

1 cup grated chocolate, 1 cup milk, 1 cup nolasses, butter size of an egg, 1 cup sugar. molasses, by Boil 1 hour.

cocoanut cake.

2 well-beaten eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 cup milk,
2 tablespoons butter, 2 cups grated cocoanut, 1
teaspoon cream tartar, 1-2 teaspoon soda. Bake
in jelly tins.

PLANTATION JOHNNY CAKE.

1 pint Indian meal, 1-2 cup sugar, 3 eggs, 1 tablespoon butter or lard, 3-4 teaspoon soda, 1 of cream tartar, and enough buttermilk or sweet milk to make a thick batter. Grease the pan well, pour the batter into it, and bake in a slow oven at least 5 hours.

POP OVERS.
3 cups milk, 3 cups flour, 3 eggs. Bake 1-2 hour in a quick oven, in cups.

WHITE MOUNTAIN CAKE.

34eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 cup milk, 1-2 cup butter, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 of cream tartar. Flavor to taste.

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Porato soup.

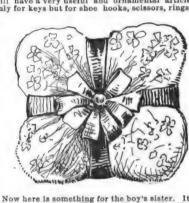
Pare and boil 6 or 8 large potatoes; when done, pour off the water, add more water, an onion or two, let boil, then add about 3 quarts of cream and milk. Let it boil up, and serve.

Bella Fisk.

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### THE MINISTER'S WIDOW.

"Before Mary was taken down with the Grip every thing was going along smoothly in our little home," wrote Mrs. James Martin, known as The Minister's Widow. "Johnnie was choring around before and after school and picked up quite a number of dollars in that way; little Nell attended the primary, and my beautiful and greatest helpmate Mary had a splendid run of dressmaking, so with my own sewing we were getting on very nicely without our friends' assistance, and just commencing to lay aside a little money, having paid all debts that were hanging over us from



Now here is something for the boy's sister. It is an eider down pillow. They are always attractive and one cannot have too many of them as there is always a place in which to use them. There are chairs and sofas and lounges without number that are always crying for them and the demand seems unlimited. A pretty way to make them is to have the bag for the down rather large and then cover it with a bag which is still larger. See two bands of ribbon crosswise around the cushion rather tightly, finishing with a full bow and afterwards pull the fullness into each corner. The silk in the sketch has pink wild roses with pale green leaves and the ribbons were of pink satin with a generous bow composed of loops and ends of light green and pink. These colors may be varied and the material may be China silk or some other bright colored cloth that is not quite so expensive.



HE CONSULTED HIS WATCH.

the first year's trials of trying to exist without James. How quickly matters change in this world, how much we depend on a kind Providence to watch over us. Oh, what if my darling daughter Mary had died when we seemed to need her the most, and what dark days we seemed to need her the most, and what dark days those were after being taken down, becoming feverish, helples and almost beyond recovery. That night when our good physician took his watch out and counted the pulse beats, saying he had done everything in his power to save my girl and that it would only be a question of a few hours as to her stay with us, what anguish we all suffered, even little Neil clinging to my skirts seemed to understand our utter helplessness and realized the sorrowful tidings. Oh, had the life from that beautiful body got to go out, the spark from that sealized the deaven now, but how lifeless that exquisitely moulded arm now seemed as the doctor held that beautiful hand in his. One last ray of hope seemed to dawn upon me after the doctor had departed, and I sent Johnnie to neighbor Green who was acting agent for that wonderful Oxien I had been told so much about. The sawful cough soon seemed easier after a few tablets were given her, her mind did not wander so much, sweet, gentle and peaceful sleep came to her. Those

have received great; benefit from Oxien in this same way had we space to do so, but only let the reader judge of the many, from reading about these few

why, there was John Slinn who done a big insurance business at Room 20, Borden Block, was almost helpless with his nerves all shattered and appetite minus. Light came to him in a dollar box of Oxien, which steadled his hand, calmed down his fluttering nerves, and feeding both nerves and stomach put bim on his feet by the desk he had been almost obliged to desert and he sounds Oxien's praises.

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Wasn't it natural then when he met his friend Bostock who had 'burnt his candle at both ends,' leavisg him at the yawning mouth of the grave, almost a total wreck from loss of nerve power, that he should give him a few Oxien tablets and tell him how to take them? In spite of the fact that Bostock had gone the rounds of all the Allo's Homeo's and other "pathics" of Fall River, and tried as he said a "cart load of patent medicines," and then gone to England to see his folks and consult the old family physician, in a land where the most eminent doctors are raised and educated, and was advised by them to come home and prepare to die. In spite of all this Oxien mended his shattered system, possessed him with a normal appetite, smoothed the wrinkles from his and educated, and was advised by them to come with the word of the words are after a few tables were given her, her wind did not wander so much, sweet, gentle and peaceful sleep came to her. Those exciting, nervous dreams ceased, magic results seemed to be promised as the outcome of using that wonderful food for the nerves, Oxien, although at such a late day, and what comfort came to my own soul that night. It is only those that have to walk so near the precipice that can realize the sweet satisfaction of having a dear one saved, yes brought back from the dead as it were, and I do hope everyone who hears of these miraculous cures will take heed and keep some Oxien ever by." Mrs. W. J. Chrisman of Granger, Iowa, says she would no sooner think of keeping house now without the wonderful food for the Nerves than she would without bread and butter, "Why," she writes, "I was a poor, mean, yellow-skinned looking woman not weighing a hundred pounds, without strength, ambition or hardly the breath of life in me. I heard of Oxien and what a change came after using it a few weeks. Here I am now what everyone speaks of as a walking Oxien and what exprone speaks of as a walking Oxien and what everyone speaks of as a walking Oxien and what everyone speaks of as a walking Oxien and what everyone speaks of as a walking Oxien and what everyone speaks of as a walking Oxien and words are the subject as cording to directions and my step is firm, my eye is bright, my arms are round, and i am plump all over just from taking three Giant Boxes. Three Thousand dollars would be a small price to pay for the improvement that came from it is heard of It. I am going to take the agency and make money, for I see that is the way they all do after getting help themselves from using the food." We could tell of thousands of people who

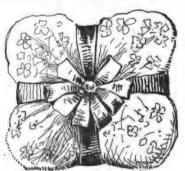


# Something for the Boys.

There seems to be so many things for the girls in the family in the way of fancy articles that we think the boys will appreciate a little thing for them. They display so much skill and so much patience in mak-ing odds and ends that we older people seldom realize their ability till they have attained eminence in some profession and all the world is talking about their ganing.

profession and all the world is talking about their genius.

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### Cousin Hebe's Reflections.

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Stories of the late war are always interesting, but a particularly good one is told by an old soldier as follows: The most thrilling incident connected with Libby Prison took place July 6, 1863, about seven months before the attempt to escape. By order of General Winder the seventy-two captains confined there drew lots for two of their number to be shot in retaliation for the shooting of Captains W. F. Corbin and T. J. McGraw by General Burnside at Sandusky, Ohlo during the preceding May. Their offence was that of recruiting in Kentucky for the Confederate army.

Captain Turner assembled the Union prisoners in a room in the prison at noon. They were formed in a hollow square around a table and told what General Winder had ordered should be done.

"You may select one of your number to do the drawing," said Captain Turner, "and the first two mames taken from the box will indicate the couple that are to be shot."

Captain Sawyer, of the First New Jersey cavalry, said:

"I suggest that the duty be performed by one of our chaplains."



"Henry Washington Sawyer, First New Jersey cavalry."

Every eye, including those of the Confederate efficers, was turned a sympathisingly toward the efficer, who was the coolest man in the room.

"Well," he remarked with a smile, "it had to be someone, and I can stand it as well as any of you."

The second name was that of Captain John Flinn, Fifty-first Indiana. Captain Film showed natural emotion and was greatly depressed. The rest of the party was dismissed, and the two doomed men were taken to General Winder's office, where they were told they might write to their friends. Captain Sawyer wrote to his family and read the letter aloud to a Confederate officer. His voice was firm until be eame to the last farewell to his wife and children. Then the brave man broke down, and begging the indugence of those around him turned away his head and wept like a child.

Flinn had no letters to write and asked for a priest. His request was granted. Then they were ordered to kept in close confinement until the day fixed for execution. Fortunately, however, that day never turned to their families.

War is brutal and nothing can ever justify it.

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One by one our old traditions are being disproved. The beautiful tale of William Tell and the apple is now declared to be a myth and now comes along a criter to upset our notions on fish diet.

One popular fallacy in connection with fish may be noticed, namely, the oft-repeated assertion that the cating of that particular food increases brain power. No one who has studied the subject can possibly believe the assertion. A man might eat a huge portion of fish every day of his life, and on the day of his death, if the quantity of phosphorous (the brain invigorator) consumed were to become visible, it would not amount to more than might probably suffice to tip a couple of lucifer-matches. Communities have existed that lived almost solely on fish; but these ichthyophagists were certainly not famous for intellectual attainments. No fishing community has given to the world a most solely on fish; but these ichthyophagists were certainly not famous for intellectual attainments. No fishing community has given to the world of mark—poets, preachers, lawyers, warriors, philosophers, and physicians—have except the fishing class.

Photography as a pastime is growing constantly. The

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Photography as a pastime is growing constantly. The following incident is not without interest.

A prominent member of the Boston Camera Club recently entertained his friends with an exhibition of lantern pictures, representing the best phases of French art in painting and sculpture. Among the guests was a Mrs. G—, a rare type of female loveliness, in her decollete and sleeveless costume, and her pretty, little five year old daughter, Effic, also deeply interested in the exquisite pictures as they were thrown upon the screen. Effic was quietly sitting in her be a u tiful mother's lap, attering not sound, until Falconnet's lap, attering the few parts of the second se

A FIGURE OF VANITY.

came alive, and,
wildly clapping her hands in delight, she loudly exclaimed: "Oh, look, look! There's mamma, there's
mamma!". The effect upon the assembly was electrical, as every one had met and admired Mrs. Gbefore the lights were turned down; but as it was too
dark to see what happened, it is safe to assume that
the enjant terrible was affectionately hugged, rather
than spanked, by the parent so unexpectedly complimented.

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The folly and danger to life of the latest style of the dressmaker's art, was very unexpectedly and alarmingly illustrated by the experience of one of the dressmaker's art, was very unexpectedly and alarmingly illustrated by the experience of one of Hartford's well-known business men, the other day, while on a business trip to New York (says the Hartford "Daily Times"). The day was hot, business cares had been laborious, and our business friend lay down after lunch for a nap, being desirous of refreshing himself before going to an evening dinnner-party. His room at one of New York's elegant uptown hotels was cool and inviting. In his hurry to make the most of time at his disposal he failed to lock the door, quickly going to sleep in his shirt-sleeves. His awakening was sudden. A handsomely dressed woman stood at the foot of the bed. "Is there anybody in this room?" was her exclamation, in a tone of entreaty. Visions of black-mail colored the first thought of our Hartford friend. "Madam, you must leave my room at once," at the same time taking in the full, Juno-like bust and magnificent hips and superb figure, in a clinging skirt and glove-fitting waist. She looked as if she had been molded into the elegant silk she wore. "Indeed, sir, I am in terrible agony. Please unhook my dress. Here in front; do, please." This in agonizing tones that fairly made the gentleman feel the horrible pain the lady was evidently suffer.

Before he could move she began to sway back and forth, and must have fallen if he had not caught her in his arms. She groaned and grew blue about the mouth, exclaiming, as the gentleman laid her upon the lounge: "Take your knife and cut the dress open; I shall die!" At this juncture the



chambermaid appeared in the door. The unknown lady again exclaimed: "Cut the dress open; call No. 200" No. 200 was sent for, the maid and man both exerting their best strength in their fruitless endeavor to loosen the lady's dress. It was no use. The dress held together like the doors of a Marvin safe. The lady, in the meantime, had fainted, and was still more blue about both lips. "Quick!" said our Hartford friend to the maid, bringing his business astuteness into play; "as I squeeze her together, you unhook her dress. Raising the lady up from behind, and grasping her under the arms, he exerted his full strenth in a long and desperate squeeze. The maid tugged at the hooks and eyes, and suddenly there was a snap—"a report," said the gentleman, "like the noise of the explosion of half a dozen parlor matches." The dress flew open just as No. 200, a fine-looking gentleman, appeared at the end of the lounge. He made an exclamation: "What's the matter. Nell?" But Nell did not answer. It took some time to bring her back to consciousness. Explanations followed, and our Hartford friend retired amid a shower of thanks from Nell and her father.

There is more or less danger in tight lacing, but rarely has its effects produced a greater degree of embarrassment than in he insance here given. It is just as well that fictitious names are given.

A pretty ornament for a window, is a fancy box or jar filled with a clump of growing ferns. Get the roots from the woods just as soon as the snow goes off in the spring. The old fronds will be decayed, and the new ones are wrapped up in little brown colls like a snail-shell. If transplanted then, it will not burt them, and under the influence of warm air and plenty of water, the little colls will soon begin to unroll and ere long will be beautiful fronds.—Dora Heath.



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MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:
Isn't it glorious to have the snow all gone, and to
get out into the woods and fields again? It seems a
pleasure to live, when the air is so sweet and clear,
and everything in Nature is waking out of its long

and everything in Nature is waking out of its long sleep.
You enjoy the flowers, the birds, the trees, everything beautiful that you see around you; but this spring I want you to begin to enjoy them in a new way. I want you to think about them. You have doubtless all read the old story of "Eyes and No Eyes" of the two boys who were sent by their father for a walk over the same stretch of country; and on returning, one had seen nothing but a road, a field, and a river, while the other was full of the interesting sights which had greeted his observing eyes. I would like each one of you to be like that second boy. The road over which you go to school, the yard where you play, the walk which seems so familiar—well as you may think that you know them, there is always



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something more to see. One of the finest essays I ever read was written by a country girl, who described the appearance of the mile of road which led from her home to the public highway, as it appeared during the changing seasons.

Learn to observe minutely. If there is some special line in which you are interested, such as flowers, birds, insects, rocks, etc., so much the better. I have seen over 30 varieties of wild flowers found in a dooryard of not much more than average size—but not by a careless observer. Do not be above having a "fad." It is the people who have "fads," and work at them, who come in time to be what the age demands, specialists. The field of knowledge has grown so broad that no one person can even skim over it, so most of us are content to work one little corner as thoroughly as we may. "Which is better to know many places ill, or to know one place well?"

Perhaps this is rather a heavy sermon for my very little forks, but you will grow to it, my dears. And for the letters—oh, so many, many of them! I think some day Aunty will be buried in them; if she suddenly disappears, you will know what has become of her.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—I think it is so nice for us

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Dear Aunt Minerva:—I think it is so nice for us young folks to have a place in your valuable paper. The Comport is an ever welcome visitor to me. I fear we do not appreciate your kindness in giving us a department in the paper like we should. I see in your last issue that my cousin at Gadsden, Tenn., J. Paul Rooker, speaks my sentiments when he says H. Rider Haggard is one of his favorite authors. Gen. Chas. King is another favorite of mine. I am a printer and I know what a bother it is for one to write on obth sides of the paper, so I will not bother you any that way. I am studying Brown & Holland's system of shorthand, and if any of the cousins know anything about it I would be pleased to correspond with them.

Gen. Chas. King seems to be a favorite with many

them. H. GARDNER, Trenton, Tenn.
Gen. Chas. King seems to be a favorite with many
young people, and deservedly so, for his writings are
clear, bright, and exceedingly interesting. I wish
that all my boys and girls could read his stories of
army life. Have any of you read "Boots and Saddles"
by Mrs. Custer? and I would like to hear from some
boy who likes "Tom Brown at Rugby."

May I join the happy band of nieces fair that round you stand? You smile so kindly on them all I thought that I must surely call. A sample Comfort came one day, And the owls said, "We came to stay." And so they did, and do you know Our friends are taking Comfort too. Our friends are taking COMPORT too.

Some one says, "Why don't you go,
You are taking time and room you know."

So I will close and say adieu

With love to Auntie and cousins too.
Your new niece, MAUD C. MILLER,
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Our new cousin "drops into poetry" like the re-aowned Silas Wegg. Now who can tell me in what great novel he may be found? I hope no one will make such a mistake as a man I heard the other day, who thought the famous Micawber was in one of Shakespear's plays. My older young folks will laugh at that, I know.

Dear Aunty:—I will give you a description of the country in which I live. I live in the southwestern part of lows. We have some hills but not very large ones. The soil is very fertile, the principal products are corn, oats, wheat and rye. Potatoes are also very extensively raised in this part of lows. This country

is noted for being the Great Blue-Grass Region of Southwestern Iowa. I suppose some of the cousins have heard of the Coeston Blue Grass Palace. We live 28 miles from there and 75 miles from Missouri river. I am a farmer's daughter, am 14 years old; I enjoy the pure country air. We live on a farm which has lots of stock on it, so I'm among the stock a good deal of the time. Would like to correspond with a girl 13 to 15 years. Your niece,

"Tam a little boy just 11 years old. I live on a farm away up in the blue hills of old Wilkes Co., N. C., 16 miles northeast of Wilkesboro'. I have never had the pleasure of seeing our country seat yet, though papa has promised me I can go shortly and see the train. Dear Aunt, I want to tell you I sent for two copies of the Comport. I never have been as well pleased with any paper in my life. I send to-day for a whole year's subscription. I am so well pleased to hear of a people who are trying to help the poor sick and afflicted. Dear Aunt and cousins, it is not that way in this country. Why, I know of two that have starved to death in our neighborhood. Papa and mama knew nothing about it until they were dead. I for one intend to try to do something for my Master. I want all the little cousins to lend a helping hand. I intend to send something to all the 'Shut Ins,' God being my helper. I am going to work and see how many subscribers I can get for the Comport. I want to, not for myself but for a sick friend. With many good wishes to Aunt Minerva and all the cousins.

Thomas Long, Springfield, Wilkes Co., N. C."

Dear Auntie:—Will you be so kind as to admit into the ranks of your happy company a lonely boy from

many subscribers I can get for the COMPORT. I want to, not for myself but for a sick friend. With many good wishes to Aunt Minerva and all the cousins.

Thomas Long, Springfield, Wilkes Co., N. C."

Dear Auntie:—Will you be so kind as to admit into the ranks of your happy company a lonely boy from the old Palmetto State. I received several copies of Comport and was so delighted with the paper I determined to become a subscriber. I was particularly pleased with the correspondence columns and determined to ask admittance to your happy band. I have just completed a 3 weeks' journey over Lexington Co. Like all others I naturally think my home and State the garden spot of the world. While on my rounds I have seen some historical and curious things. Among them was part of an old breastwork near Columbia, which was thrown up during the Revolutionary War. I also visited a house in which Lord Cornwallis had his headquarters. This house has a hole in it made by a cannon ball which passed directly over the bed of a British officer. The owner of the house also has Cornwallis' card table. Among other curiosities I saw Hunter's Rock, which I will describe in the future. Will several of the cousins, both boys and girls, correspond with me. Please write and give more comfort to a lonely boy. Will some officers of the Temperance Union write me full particulars in regard to the organization. I am interested in the cause of temperance and I may be able to help it by means of your society. I remain sincerely,

ARTHUR F. HARMAN, Lexington, S. C.

My dear Aunt Minerva:—I am a little country girl and don't know how to write letters that will interest the cousins, but they must not laugh at me this time, for I want to tell them what a nice time we had Christmas. We had a Christmas tree at the church, and it was just lovely so many nice and beautiful presents on it; no one was slighted, each scholar got something nice on the tree, also the old folks. The time passed off very pleasantly after the presents were all distributed, and the c

You must indeed have had a delightful time at your Christmas tree. I am glad you like your school and Sunday-school so well, my dear Pearlie.

I must not leave out my very little folks, and here is a letter so carefully printed by a dear little girl away out West.

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Dear Aunt Minerva:—I am a little girl 6 years old. Mama takes Comfort, and my brother reads it to her. Hels 9 years old. He has been to school, but I never have; what I know, he taught me. My mama is sick, and has been for several years. My brother and I do all the work. I can make light bread as good as any woman. I make cake for mama, and cook the meals the same as a grown woman. Wash days my brother helps me. We live 3 miles from the school-house, in a valley in the sand hills of northwestern Nebraska. Our house is made of sod. It is 12x16 feet, with a board roof with sod on it, and one window. Our nearest neighbor is one mile away. I have a little baby sister Il months old, the sweetest baby in the world, I think. I have no pets of any kind. We had a dog and cat and 12 chickens, but they all died this winter. There are lots of coyotes and jack rabbits here, and some gray wolves; we



THE REASON.

The new little chickens looked drooping and sad
And Dolly in consequence felt very bad;
Thought she to herself, and she paused in her chatter,
They're cutting their pin-feathers—that's what's the
matter!
E. L. S.

hear them howl very often. We have a rabbit to eat sometimes; we got one yesterday. I like Comfort, and the children's letters. Good-bye from RUBY E. SHERMAN, Antioch, Nebr. Dear little Ruby, you must have to work very hard. Your mama is fortunate to have two such good children to help and care for her.

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Dear Aunt Minerva:—I am a little boy 7 years old. I live in a village. My father has a store; when I get older, I will clerk for him. In the summer I go to Sunday-school; my father is the Superintendent. I like it very much. I have a little brother in Heaven, Mama says that if I am a good boy, I will go there when I die. My grandfather gave me a Waterbury watch at Christmas; don't you think he was very kind? With love to the little cousins.

MAXWELL COCKRILL.

Yes. I think you must have a dear, kind grand-

MAXWELL COCKRILL.

Yes, I think you must have a dear, kind grandfather, and a good papa and mama too. Did you
know that you forgot to tell me where you live, Maxwell, wasn't that funny?

Now I suppose I must say good-bye until another
month. Will you all remember what I have told you
about keeping your eyes open, and if you find anything wonderful, just write and tell us about it.

Your loving

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AITH the Preacher: There is a time for every purpose under heaven, a time to weep and a time to laugh! This is one of the times to laugh, to send out a loud editorial guffaw, for this morning the blades of our shears were glued together, our inkstand was filled with water, our pens were, one and all greased, and the lid of our desk was firmly screwed down. Saith the Preacher: There is a time to keep silence and a time to speak. This was a time to keep silence. Said John Adams in his old age halting in front of his own monument: "There was a foolish man who never knew when to hold his tongue." We play the most fantastic tricks on ourselves and in the end are forced to cry out like England's great cardinal after his fall: "We have ventured like little wanton boys that swim on bladders This many summers in a sea of glory, But far beyond our depth."

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Whe have ventured like little wanton boys that swim on bladders This many summers in a sea of glory. But far beyond our depth."

Among the "bubbles" which in our day and generation have been blown to the people's great delight, may be mentioned De Lesseps' quixotic attempt to pierce the Isthmus of Panama, by which the Prench people were robbed of many millions of hard earned money, and Dr. Koch's proclamation that he had discovered a remedy to stay the progress of the terrible disease known as consumption. Thousands upon thousands of pallid faces glowed with hope upon reading of these wild promises and thousands even set out on their way to Berlin where they firmly expected to leave all their suffering and come back with the light of a new life in their eyes and the vigor of health in their body and limbs. Poor creatures, they were tricked again, theirs had been but a fool's errand.

But not only does man seem liable at all times to be tricked by his fellowman, nature herself is not above fooling him. How many times does she not promise rain or hold out a pledge of fair weather only to change her mind and cry April fool? And how many times does she not spread out before the toiling miner samples of a metal which he eagerly clutches as pure gold, only to be told that it is "fool's gold" (iron pyrites) after he has heaped it up in vast quantities? Not alone however in the wild wastes of mining lands do we come upon weak mortals fascinated by the glitter of fool's gold; such men exist in the very midst of us, turning from the true metal of honorable callings, sufficient incomes and happy firesides to pursue the phantoms of wealth and preferment, turning from the tug wish themselves back under the vine and fig tree which sheltered them before they joined the "madding crowd," before they had laid aside comfortable homespun for purple and fine linen, before they had exchanged the pleasing hum of the household for the shuffling of many feet on the marble floors of the exchange. It is strange that wi

And hurrah for the next one who dies!

Do you really think, dear readers, that there is any man living who would refuse to exchange a humble cot for a princely residence with a park and garden and fair meadow land to go with it? Do you really think that your town or village or city holds a single Diogenes who, if one of our millionaires should halt in front of his little cottage and offer him a chest of gold, would reply: "Thanks, I have no closet room to spare!" We firmly believe that there are many such dear, contented souls in this world, who having a roof over their heads and clothes on their backs, with all the victuals and drink they need, would shake their heads and smile if you were to ask them to move into a spacious dwelling with servants to attend them and horses and carriages at their command. At any rate, here is a little poem which we have just fished up out of the editorial grab bag. It tells of such a person and gives his very thoughts upon the subject. It is entitled:

SIR CRCESUS AND I.

Sir Crcesus dwells in a marble hall
With a slavish throng at beck and call.

Sir Crœsus dwells in a marble hall With a slavish throng at beck and call, And he rests his head on a pillow of silk And he sleeps on linen as white as milk. And he sleeps on linen as white as milk, But he sleeps not half so sound as I on the bed of huskings where I lie; For his heart beats quick and his blood is hot, And pleasant slumber cometh not To listless limbs that ne'er were bless With that sweet balm, the toiler's rest! Give all his gold and more to me I would not Sir Crœsus be.

I would not Sir Crœsus be.

Sir Crœsus deems no music sweet,
While I am moved by the lambkin's bleat,
And my heart is touched by the warbling wren,
By the crowing cock and the cackling hen.
Sir Crœsus fears the winds at war;
And the summer heat, it vexeth sore
Sir Crœsus' soul; but not so mine.
I'm as tough as yew, I'm as strong as pine
And I love the storm and I love the blast
For the sunshine always comes at last.
Give all his gold and more to me
I would not Sir Crœsus be!
Sir Crœsus feeds on dantiest food.

I would not Sir Cressus be!

Sir Cressus feeds on daintiest food,
With sparkling wine when in drinking mood,
While I have naught in my humble cot
Save what I grow on my garden spot.
Sir Cressus loils on springs of steel,
While upright I, on my bench of deal;
And the brightest skies are dull to him
And a thousand tapers burn too dim;
While warmth and incense come to me
From a single branch of a birchen tree.
Give all this gold and more to me
I would not Sir Cressus be.

In this busy, bustling life of ours we often lose sight of the sweet significance of many of these Christian holidays, and we celebrate them in a perfunctory sort of way as if we even begrudged the few hours which they take from our business. This is to be regretted and especially is it to be regretted that we have allowed the popular observance of the Easter festival to fall into disuse. How rarely do we see nowadays, especially in our large cities and great commercial centres, the "Paas egg" make its-appearance as in the good old days it was sure to do, stained in so many colors and so highly prized by the children of the family? And with the exception of Russia, very few nations have retained the custom of exclaiming upon meeting a friend or acquaintance: He is risen! to which the person addressed made reply: He is indeed risen! By a strange twisting from its original and proper significance—a festival for mutual congratulation, for the exchange of expressions of loy upon the reappearance of the Divine Master, Easter Sunday has in many centres of so-called culture and refinement become a day for selfish indulgence, made manifest by appearance upon the street wearing new bonnets, new gowns, new suits of clothing, new hats and new ornaments. The "Sunday of joy" has become to a great degree a feast of selfishness. Instead of renewing, strengthening and building up our faith in the Divine Master and His teachings we go about looking for compliment, commendation and flattery from the mouths of our fellow creatures. But there is no need of uttering a jeremiad over this state of things. Sooner or later the people discover that the gratification of one's vanity can bring no real or lasting happiness with it. The pride of wealth, all these are good enough in their way, but they don't go far enough. You can't build happiness upon them any more than you could erect a marble palace on a shifting bog. Faith is the one great and glorious foundation to lay your cornerstone

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Oldcastle comes from his home, a large ancient castle in "Mystic Land" to the "Realm of Comfort" each month, that he may meet the "Mystic Friends" who gather here to greet him, and talk over affairs concerning puzzledom. He brings with him a large carpet-bag filed with the enigmas, letters, etc., received from his "Mystic Friends," some of which he gives them each time to solve. A hearty invitation is extended to any reader of Comfort to become a member of "Our Mystic Band." Send solutions to the following puzzles and some original puzzles for publication and be enrolled as a member. If you cannot make puzzles try to solve some. Address all communications concerning "The Mystic Castle" to Oldcastle, Comfort, Utica, N. Y., signing name and address as well as nom deplume every time you write. I will gladly answer the letters that you send me, if you will inclose a two-cent stamp.

Now I will have a little chat concerning the contents of my carpet-bag this month.

First of all, the solvers to January's "Mysteries" are found to be as follows:

Complete lists:—Eglantine, Hercules, Ruth, W. E. Wiatt, Ed. Ward, Katle Green, Sphlnx, Arty Fishel, Ypste.

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hinker, Castranova, Jessie, Batterson, A. F. B.,
ovice, 8; Nettie Simon, Rosebug, 7; Nettie A.
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jax, R. Ebus, Merlin, G. Whizz, Jew V. Nile, Renp, Bill Arp, Tyro, Sarah Conley, Black Eyed
harley, 4; Lillie May, Nancy Lee, 3; Pat Riot, 2;
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In awarding the prizes for the best lists, priority of receipt had to be taken into consideration.

Since my last journey contributions have been revived from Merlin, 6; Inpiter, H. S. B., Pat Riot, 4; A. Penanink, Aspiro, Neshobe, R. Ebus, Frank, Prof. Wm. Broady, 3; Ypsie, Nancy Lee, Jew V. Nile, Edward, 2; Ben Net, Roy, Waldemar, I. "Ethan Allen" will hereafter be known as "Neshobe."

Just now, methinks I hear some voices exclaiming, "I wonder when Oldcastle is going to publish my puzzles!" Dear friends, it is true, many whose contributions were received long since have not seen them in print yet; but do not get discouraged. We will try to make room for these in our next few sames. Watch out for them! Some of the puzzles were crowded out of our last two issues, this accounts for the misnumbering which has occurred recently.

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Our Mystic Friend, Alexander Brimner of Arner, Ontario, Canada, is offering some good prizes for contributions. He would be glad to hear from any of the "Mystic Band."

The following letter which I think will interest the Mystic Friends, was received recently:

Holly Springs, Miss., Feb. 24, 1892.

To Castle Comfort and its Mystic Band:—

For the last time I enter the "Mystic Castle."

Only a few months have I been with you and to many my name and face are strangers; but I have enjoyed my short sojourn more than words can tell. I hope that the few who know me will not soon forget me. May the Mystic Band prosper and Castle Comfort be filled to overflowing. May my vacant chair be soon filled by one worthier than I. I. go to devote my life to the Lord's work. In a few days I enter the novitiate of a religious order. You have only known me as Apache, so as Apache bid you farewell.

Mispah,

Although our friend has been with us but a short time, yet we have realized his presence and will miss him very much. May God's blessing rest upon him throughout life and prosper him in the noble cause in which he has enlisted.

There are many other things I would like to tell you this month, dear friends, but I have already chatted quite a little and must leave them till I come again. So bidding you a friendly good-bye for this time, I start homeward.

Your dear old Mystic Friend, OLDCASTLE.

# SOLUTIONS TO JANUARY'S MYSTERIES.

No. 288. George Frederick Handel.
No. 257. "The Telegraph is the nervous system of iviliathion"
No. 258. The Eye.
No. 259. Enigmatography. No. 271.

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E No. 275. Comfort. No. 276. Mystic Castle. No. 278.

MYSTERIES.

No. 282. Numerical. The 13, 2, 8, 18, 22, 25 is a defensive armor for the ead. The 1, 14, 7, 21, 19, 1 is a large tree in tropical Africa. The 15, 7, 28, 14, 20 means the present day.

The 3, 7, 27, 5 is the lowest part or foundation.
The 23, 9, 10, 17 is a number.
The 16, 30, 6 is at the same time.
The 18, 14, 16 is the early part of life.
The 26, 4, 11 is to bind.
The 24, 12 is a pronoun.
The 29 is a pronoun.
Dry Ridge, Ky.,
LITTLE DO NOTH LITTLE DO NOTHING.

No. 288. Half Square.

1. False. 2. Notched on the edge like a saw. 3. Moving. 4. The planet formerly called Herschel. 5. A ground of interference. 6. A genus of birds. 7. A month (abbr.) 8. A force, supposed to produce the power of mesmerism. 9. A letter.

Hennett, Nebr.,

HERCULES.

No. 294. Mutation.

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Did you ever see a fairy,
See an ELP SIT by your side,
Talk in manner free and cheery
With a show of haughty pride?

I have seen an elfish maiden
Sit and chatter with her dear,
While his heart with wee was laden,
Which her jabber failed to cheer.

Something must be wrong about him,
Which her must be wrong about him,
Dearer maidens—do they flout him?
This may cause the inward pain.

Dubois, Illinois,

No. 295. Charado.

No. 295. Charade.

No. 790. Charade.

A long-leaved plant is my FIRST, Which in the water grows.
SECOND is a cloth measure,
As everybody knows.
THIRD is Mythological
The goddess of revenge—
Are we philosc phical
As we together menge?
We must not be too prideful,
Or the whole will us scourge.
Solvers of the "Mystic Band,"
The answer now emerge.
Providence, R. I.,

No. 296. Inverted Pyramid.

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Across. 1. The parting of a cake. 2. The solemnization of marriage among the Romans, by which the bride tasted a cake made of flour, with salt and water, in presence of the high priest, and at least ten witnesses. 3. A division of birds including the true pigeon, (Web. International.) 4. Impure protoxides of zinc collected from the chimneys of smelting furnaces. 5. A town of Austin Co., Texas, (P. O. Guide.) 6. A disease in a hawk. 7. A letter.

Down. 1. A letter. 2. Whether. 3. A laborious drudge. 4. A rippling on the surface of water. 5. The most elevated part of the arm, (Domgl. Med. Dict.) 6. One of the German cavairy of the 14th and 15th century. 7. An excresence growing from the postern to the middle of the shank of a horse. 8. Six pointed stars, (Her.) (Web. Inter.) 9. A town of Harrison Co., Miss., (P. O. Guide.) 10. Comes fully up to. 11. Corners. 12. A bone. 13. A letter.

Brocklyn, N. Y.,

No. 297. Double-Letter Enigma.

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In "toiling mankind,"
In "wearisome mind,"
In "braver seamen,"
In "happy women,"
In "chierful boys,"
In "chiidren's toys,"
The LAST of the FIRST sat down by the fire,
His thoughts wandered far, far away,
To times which to him were gayer and brighter
And when he was more than a WHOLE.

Wataga, Ills.,

No. 2022 Seasarts.

OLD PET!

No. 298. Square.

1. A book of elements. 2. A kind of cyst. 3. To set with brilliants. 4. To revolt, (obs.) 5. A genus of birds. 6. Thinnest.
Embden, Me., Guv.

No. 299. Square.

1. One who resolves a sentence into its elements.
To sell. 3. Low. 4. The star fish. 5. To embell-th with variegations. 6. To blush.
Roseville, Ills.,

No. 800. Square.

1. A pacer. 2. Nautical. 3. Species of wild geese.
The linnet. 5. To tempt. 6. To seek again.
Colgate, N. D.,
PAT RIOT.

No. 301. Square.

1. A genus of plants. 2. A problem difficult of solution, (Nutall.) 3. A saddler. 4. Triangles. 5. Change of place. 6. To manage, (obs.) 7. A plant. Bangor, Pa.,

No. 302. Diamond.

1. A letter. 2. A title prefixed to the name of a knight. 3. Nightshade. 4. Extended compositions for one or two instruments. 5. Of or pertaining to a pirate. 6. Withdrawn. 7. Fastened with a lace. 8. Melancholy. 9. A letter. ... Odell, Ills., ODELL CYCLONE.

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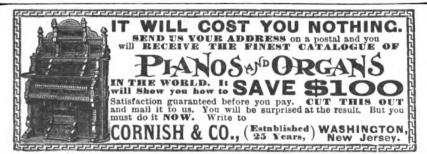
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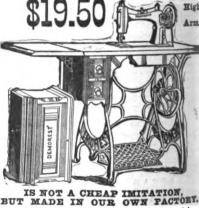
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